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CALAIS STILL IN HANDS OF THE FRENCH

German High Command Communique

ARTOIS ATTACKS CONTINUED

BERLIN, May 27 (Reuters).—According to a High Command communique the German forces are continuing their attacks in Flanders and Artois.

North of Menin they penetrated deeply into the enemy position and advanced almost to Ypres. The air force facilitated the advance of the Army. The centre of the air force activities was the area in which the enemy was ringed.

The communique alleges that attacks against German positions to the north west of Lens by French Colonial troops were repulsed with heavy enemy losses.

Calais was captured after a grim fight. A German tank fired on an enemy destroyer, setting it alight.

ATTEMPTS FOILED

British attempts to rescue their hemmed in troops and to take them home over the channel are being foiled by German air attacks against the Channel ports, still in the enemy hands.

Dunkirk was destroyed by fire. There are no important events on the southern front.

The German Air Force also attacked aerodromes in the vicinity of Paris, and roads and railways south of Reims. Twenty enemy planes were destroyed on one aerodrome.

The enemy yesterday lost 73 planes of which 32 were shot down in air battles, 15 by anti-aircraft artillery and the rest were destroyed on the ground.

More mountain troops were landed by parachute at Narvik. The aircraft-carrier, which was bombed on May 24 off Narvik, was again bombed off Harstad and was sunk. One warship, two cruisers and one transport were badly bombed.

Last night the enemy continued indiscriminate bombing of non-military objectives in western Germany without causing considerable damage.

R.A.F. ATTACK 'DROMES

LONDON, May 27 (Reuters).—The Air Ministry announces "throughout last night heavy bombers of the R.A.F. continued attacks on enemy communications. Aerodromes occupied by the enemy in Belgium and Holland were also attacked.

Strange Convoy Brought Through Plunging Seas: Warm Tribute Paid To Canadian Destroyer

The latest addition to Canada's destroyer flotilla, Assiniboine, while on patrol with a British warship in the Caribbean, sighted the German steamer Hannover.

The German vessel had been set on fire by the time the two ships had got to it and the problem of keeping the Hannover afloat was solved by the larger warship taking the captured vessel in tow while the Assiniboine, keeping to the windward, ran alongside with her battery of hoses playing.

For five days, as a result of fine seamanship, this strange convoy was brought through plunging seas to Kingston, Jamaica.

The captain of the cruiser paid warm tribute to the value of the work done by the Assiniboine "without whose assistance it is most unlikely the German ship would have been saved. Great credit is due to the commanding officer who showed initiative and ability and handled his ship with great skill throughout the operation."—(British Wireless).



Up goes the dividing barrier at the Belgian frontier, and British soldiers enter once more into Belgium. Their swift and orderly advance was a triumph of smooth-working organisation.

GREAT NATIONAL SPEED-UP OF WAR MATERIAL PRODUCTION: BIG DRIVE ON

13,000 Work Over 11 Hours In Armaments Factory

In response to the Government appeal, a great national speed-up of war material production was launched during the week-end and from every part of the country reports show that the response to the appeal was wholehearted fulfilling the promise of thousands of telegrams from factories received by the Ministry of Supply stating work would continue without interruption throughout the week-end.

A report from one ordnance factory, near London, says British Wireless, "We had to put up our production 30 per cent. even before this appeal was made. Now

we shall put it up another 20 per cent."

Typical of experiences elsewhere was that at one armaments factory, in the Midlands, which reported that 13,000 men and women worked side by side from 8 a.m. to 7.30. When they finished another shift of 13,000 trooped in to take over the machines.

Similar reports come from other centres.

Everywhere the big drive is on.

255 German Planes Shot Down By The Belgians

LONDON, May 27 (Reuters).—The radio in Paris broadcast the following Belgian war communique this morning:—

"In spite of many desperate engagements, and difficult conditions the Belgian Army is fighting well. This Army is at present on the left flank of the Allied armies.

"Local successes have been gained everywhere. Yesterday for example, we took 500 prisoners. Our Air Force is attacking with success. Since the beginning of hostilities, we have brought down 255 German aircraft."

BLINDED DIVISIONS!!

We have read recently of the use of German "Blinded Division" and feel sure that the general public cannot possibly interpret a sensible meaning to this expression.

The term comes from the French "Division" "Blindée," which means an "Armoured or Mechanised Division." The latter consists of tanks, vehicles, etc.

CURFEW ORDERED IN MALTA

MALTA, May 27 (Reuters).—The Governor has ordered a curfew from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. as from tonight as a defence measure against parachutists.

The public is informed that if they fail to observe the curfew they will risk being shot.

CRIPPS' VISIT TO MOSCOW

LONDON, May 27 (Reuters).—A reply has now been received by the British Government from the Soviet Government about the visit of a British mission, headed by Sir Stafford Cripps, to Moscow to discuss Anglo-Soviet trade relations.

There is no reason, says Reuters' Diplomatic Correspondent, to believe that this reply is unfavourable to such a visit, but there are certain formalities which will have to be examined.

Nazi Shock Tactics Withstood

BRITISH TROOPS' STEADINESS

The remarkable steadiness displayed by British troops in the engagements during the past few days has made a deep impression on those whose duty has brought them back to England, reports British Wireless.

Well ordered movements of the troops have withstood the enemy's shock tactics with increasing confidence and deep bombing onslaughts by enemy aircraft, preceding tank attacks, no longer produce demoralising effects for which they are, in part, designed.

Discipline everywhere is at a high pitch and such technical retreats, as have been considered necessary, have been carried out with precision and in good order. A formal announcement last night recognising the anxiety with which Britain is awaiting news and emphasising that "we must all wait patiently and confidently till news can be given with safety" has reconciled the public to the scarcity of news from the front and has prepared it for continuance of these conditions for some days to come.

There is, however, ample evidence that the Allied armies are fighting doggedly, coolly and resourcefully, and with magnificent heroisms.

There is general recognition of the fact that the main interest and importance of the present battle lie not in the present situation but in that which is likely shortly to develop.

The Times says "Neutral correspondents, who have been in contact with German commanders in Belgium, declare that the enemy is now playing all his trumps so that, if he should fail to win now, he will find himself left with a barren hand. We should beware of giving credence to such reports which are often spread by the object of putting us off our guard."

UNLIKELY TO MAINTAIN "Nevertheless, in the broadest sense, the statement probably contains a large element of truth. Germany has put forth an effort which even her resources are unlikely to be able to maintain for a very long period or to repeat on the same scale. Enormous expenditure of air power would in itself, do great moral damage if time were afforded for true information to be circulated and to sink into the consciousness of the German nation about the extent of the losses sustained.

"Even as it is the superiority of the R. A. F. pilots and aircraft and those whose heroism and efficiency have won the admiration of every British observer, must have begun to make a serious impression upon the minds of the men who have to face them."

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GIGANTIC GERMAN EFFORT: SMALL TERRITORIAL GAINS WITH ENORMOUS LOSSES

Bottle-neck Between Amiens And Bapaume Narrowed By Gallant French Attack

CALAIS REMAINS IN the hands of French troops.

According to latest Reuter reports from Paris, fighting in the north is increasing in violence. A greater part of the German Army must now be committed to this one battle.

In Flanders, the German General Staff is repeating the tactics it adopted at Verdun in the 1914-18 War.



POLICY-MAKER ROOSEVELT "We won't send troops abroad." (Broadcast by Mr. Roosevelt appears on Page 7).

Men and material are being hurled forward in ever-increasing masses, without regard for losses, with the purpose of obtaining swift and decisive results by submerging the Allies' defensive positions under human waves.

German losses are enormous.

THE MAIN GERMAN ATTACKS ARE BEING LAUNCHED AGAINST THE SECTOR HELD BY THE BELGIAN TROOPS ON THE LYS IN THE DIRECTION OF MENIN AND COURTRAI.

Despite the gigantic effort at the cost of tremendous losses of lives the Germans yesterday registered only feeble gains in territory.

The Lys front is taking the brunt of the German assault. The Germans are reported to be hurrying reinforcements from positions in the Slegfried Line and the Swiss frontier. This indicates the gigantic scale of the battle raging in northern France.

During the night the French withdrew without being troubled by the enemy and re-established themselves on a new line. This withdrawal had been decided upon by the French Command as the troops, which had victoriously defended this sector, were too far forward in relation to the general line of the Allied armies in the north.

COMPACT MASS

German soldiers, said the spokesman, flung themselves forward in a compact mass in the face of concentrated fire from artillery and automatic arms with what was either the courage of automatons or a docility difficult to understand.

While advancing on the upper Argonne, the spokesman said, French officers slid over thousands of corpses. Here they saw entire platoons of German armed forces lying grouped in battle order around their leader. They were literally mowed down by machine-gun fire.

230 British Casualties

LONDON, May 27 (Reuters).—Two-hundred-and-thirty names are given of the fifth list of war casualties issued by the war office.

It includes six officers, and 224 men killed, wounded, missing, or captured, by the enemy.

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PRINCE WILHELM KILLED

BERLIN, May 27 (Reuters).—Prince Wilhelm, the eldest son of the ex-Kaiser of Germany, died as the result of wounds received in Flanders, according to a report issued here today.

KING'S COUSIN MISSING

LONDON, May 27 (Reuters).—Lord Frederick Cambridge, cousin of the King, who has been serving with the British Army in France, is reported missing.

Lord Cambridge was born in 1901 and is the heir of the second Marquess of Cambridge, G.C.V.O.

EIRE ARMY AT WAR STRENGTH

DUBLIN, May 27 (Reuters).—The Eire Army has been brought up to war strength and on a war basis. Army reservists and volunteers have been called up.

SECURITY PLAN

DUBLIN, May 27 (Reuters).—A local security plan designed to prevent a surprise attack from the air and to counter treasonable activity in the country will soon be put into operation throughout the State.

Volunteers enrolled in every district will collaborate with Civil Guards.

Black-out arrangements will be restored to effectiveness in all towns and cities and held in suspension, ready for immediate operation.

Temporary Internment Of All Austrian And German Women Between The Ages Of 16 And 60

LONDON, MAY 27 (REUTERS).—THE HOME OFFICE HAS ORDERED THE TEMPORARY INTERNMENT OF ALL AUSTRIAN AND GERMAN WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 60 WHO, UP TO THE PRESENT, HAVE BEEN ALLOWED FREEDOM UNDER CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS.

They will be interned in the Isle of Man and, if they wish, can have their children, under 16 years of age, with them.

EIGHTY DETAINED

Over a score of people have been added to the 68 detained following police visits to the headquarters of the British Union of Fascists and the Imperial Fascist League.

Inquiries are still proceeding regarding other organisations and some of their members.

DRAW MADE FOR THE FIRST ROUND OF LAWN BOWLS OPEN RINK AND PAIRS

WINNERS SINCE 1934

OPEN RINK

1934—E. W. Simmonds, J. Deakin, F. J. Jones, A. W. Grimmit (skip).
1935—P. T. Farrell, R. Duncan, J. C. Brown, A. M. Holland (skip).
1936—J. S. Landolt, A. S. Gomes, W. V. Field, R. F. da Luz (skip).
1937—J. R. Soares, J. W. Leonard, L. R. Souza, C. S. Rosset (skip).
1938—A. F. Noronha, C. A. Lopes, J. E. Noronha, C. G. Silva (skip).
1939—F. A. Machado, C. Silva, J. Ribeiro, F. X. Silva (skip).

H.E.C. BOWLS TEAM

The Hongkong Electric Recreation Club will be represented in their lawn bowls match against Hongkong F.C. at Happy Valley on Saturday.

A. G. Gardner, W. E. Baker, J. F. Lunny, A. F. Paul (skip), A. P. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, S. Deacon, J. C. Sloan (skip), W. Stoker, R. A. Owens, G. T. Padgett, G. G. S. Thompson (skip).
Reserve: W. E. Macfarlane.

DUCK PIN MATCH

In a friendly Duck Pin match played at the Bowling Alley on Sunday, a team representing the Alleys beat the U.S.S. Mindanao team by 47 pins. The scores were: Alley Team—H. Blount (501), F. Spiller (447), H. Ruel (424), G. Gracie (418).
U.S.S. Mindanao—A. A. MacCavage (477), E. Sangiorgio (443), T. A. Slater (414), E. L. Emerson (409).

NO TENNIS

Rain yesterday rendered play impossible in the "A" Division of the Tennis League causing the second successive postponement since last Monday.

GOLF RESULTS

STABLEFORD COMPETITION
Old Course, Fanling, May 25 and 26.
Captain J. Reidy, 23+16=39 pts. There were 13 entries.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY
SWIMMING—European Y.M.C.A. Business Girls Hour, 5.30 p.m.—6.30 p.m. Mixed Swimming, 6.30 p.m.—9 p.m.
TENNIS LEAGUE—B. Division, Army v. Civil Service; Chinese R.C. v. Recreation; Kowloon C.C. v. Hongkong C.C.; Indian R.C. v. South China.
TOMORROW
RIFLE SHOOTING—Hongkong Rifle Association's Weekly Spoon & Practice Shoot, at Kowloon City, 1.45 p.m.
SWIMMING—European Y.M.C.A. Swimming practice and water polo—two games—"Y" v. Mid-dieses, 8 p.m.; "Y" v. Royal Scots, 6.30 p.m.
TENNIS LEAGUE—C. Division, Army v. Central British; Recreation v. Chinese R.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. University; Kowloon Indians v. Police; Kowloon C.C. v. Recreation B.; South China v. Jewish R.C.

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THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for June Meeting, Sunday 3rd June, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at: The Secretaries' Office, 3rd Floor, Prince's Bldg. Des Voeux Rd., C.

The Sports Club, The Club House, Macao.
Entries close at 12 NOON on WEDNESDAY, 29th May, 1940.

By order,
T. A. MARTIN & CO.,
Secretaries & Treasurers.

The Special Competition Committee of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association met yesterday and made the draw for the first round of the OPEN PAIRS and OPEN RINK competitions.

In this connexion it is of interest to recall that the Open Pairs Championship last year was won by F. V. V. Ribeiro and H. A. Alves of Club de Recreio and the Champion rink comprised F. A. Machado, C. Silva, J. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva, (Skip).

OPEN PAIRS

JUNE 3

At Craigengower C.C.—T. Lock and W. K. Way v. J. W. Leonard and M. J. Medina; R. Bassa and J. S. Landolt v. A. M. Runtjahn and K. M. Omar.
At Kowloon F.C.—A. Hyde Lay and A. J. Hull v. S. H. Hill and R. S. Meadows; W. Harrower and H. L. Lockhart v. C. H. Basto and J. Basto; L. F. Xavier and R. F. Luz v. W. Glendinning and L. Glendinning.
At Police R.C.—J. S. Riddell and J. C. Aitken v. J. W. MacDonald and R. MacKenzie; F. A. Cheeseman and Q. E. Thompson v. D. Munroe and R. Main; L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro v. A. W. Hircok and T. M. Pile.

At Kowloon Docks R.C.—J. S. Howell and R. C. Craig v. R. Williamson and C. S. M. Thom; P. M. N. da Silva and F. A. Xavier v. U. M. Omar and A. M. Omar; W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen v. C. Mose and W. J. Howard.

At Civil Service C.C.—J. Watson and J. H. Gelling v. A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu; J. A. Remedios and L. A. Gutierrez v. E. G. Post and A. E. Carey.

At Kowloon Docks R.C.—A. Eastman and J. C. Brown v. J. N. Sweeney and J. R. C. H. Fuller and W. J. Meager v. Y. H. Tang and N. W. Wong; W. Hillen and T. F. Stainton v. C. Woodcock and R. O. Hughes.

At Hongkong F.C.—J. Pau and G. S. Ladd v. W. L. Walker and J. Deakin; W. J. Penney and A. E. Coates v. J. F. McGowan and H. E. Strange.

JUNE 4

At Club de Recreio—A. Jilott and W. J. Bagley v. E. C. Fincher and J. Fraser; J. H. Xavier and A. A. Lewis v. B. D. Evans and R. Hall.
At Kowloon F.C.—J. E. Noronha and C. G. Silva v. A. Bower and G. H. Sheriff.

At Craigengower C.C.—E. Levett and R. Duncan v. M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dallas.

JUNE 5

At Civil Service C.C.—W. Mulcahy and T. W. Carr v. A. J. Coelho and A. W. Phelps; L. Gaddi and C. S. Rosset v. K. M. Runtjahn and S. M. Runtjahn; W. Meirose and J. C. Chalmers v. S. R. Solina and C. W. Lam.

OPEN RINKS

JUNE 9

At Civil Service C.C.—J. C. Remedios, C. C. Pereira, O. P. Remedios, and de Souza v. J. W. Leonard, Y. A. Razaq, L. C. R. Souza and W. K. Way; C. Mose, H. A. Castro, H. Gittins and A. H. Basto v. E. G. Post, W. Cameron, G. Perkins and A. E. Carey; C. W. Lam, W. McNeill, N. P. Karsnita, and E. Zimmerman v. L. J. Silva, A. M. Rodrigues, F. V. V. Ribeiro and H. A. Alves.

At Craigengower C.C.—C. Bonaifair, T. Grimes, J. A. Watson and R. M. Keown v. C. J. Walker, J. Lord, A. Steven and S. E. Eccles; F. Hillon, J. Waid, W. P. Seath and T. F. Stainton v. Y. H. Tang, T. K. Lim, H. Y. Hsu and J. N. Wong.

At Kowloon F.C.—N. B. Fraser, J. W. MacDonald, R. MacKenzie and W. E. Hollands v. J. W. Epiphick, C. E. Langley, J. S. Hammond and L. A. Jordan; A. Lapsley, R. H. Lapsley, R. Lapsley and F. Cullen v. A. A. Razaq, K. M. Omar, A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar; J. S. Howell, A. W. Hodges, N. J. Bebbington and A. Brookbank v. A. W. Hircok, J. W. Fitzgerald, S. Hodge and W. J. Bagley.

At Kowloon B.G.C.—W. McLeod, W. S. Dall, J. Orem and J. C. S. Fender v. J. A. Luz, B. Basto, A. N. Oher and A. P. Gutierrez; R. H. E. Marks, W. Mulcahy, R. B. Wellwood and E. C. Fincher v. W. Melrose, R. Main, R. Munro and J. C. Chalmers.

At Club de Recreio—J. Gellatly, J. Skinner, L. A. Collyer and J. F. McGowan v. W. L. Walker, H. White, A. Hyde Lay and A. J. Hall.
At Kowloon Docks R.C.—R. P. Phillips, A. Bower, J. E. Hanson and C. H. Sheriff v. M. F. Alarcon, F. A. Xavier, H. A. de B. Botelho and L. A. Gutierrez; V. C. Labrum, J. M. Brown, J. Fraser and F. Goodwin v. C. J. Silva, J. E. Noronha, C. A. Lopes and A. F. Noronha.

At Kowloon C.C.—W. J. Howard, A. E. H. Castro, J. L. Stephens and A. J. Kew v. A. Calman, W. Houston, J. C. Brown and R. Duncan; J. Gibson, R. Hughes, V. N. Atienza and W. V. Field v. A. Eastman, W. Simpson, P. Youngusband and V. Chittenden.

At Hongkong F.C.—J. Hoosen, A. Bakar, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu v. R. Bassa, J. S. Landolt, A. E. Coates and C. S. Rosset.

Cardiff Shine In Defence

Cardiff City 1 Swindon 1
Though Swindon dictated the course of play they were a goal down at the interval, and only managed to snatch a point.

The Cardiff goal underwent long periods of sustained pressure, but the opposing forwards lacked the finishing power to force home the advantage against a strong defence.

Swindon monopolised the opening play, but Cardiff defended well.

When Britton sent Pugh away the winger's centre was badly missed by Baker.

Marshall put Cardiff ahead with a grand goal, and the City defence held out against fierce Swindon raids, though Swindon were pressing hard at the interval.

A breakaway on the Swindon right wing enabled Hedley to equalise in the second half, and near the end a splendid movement by the Cardiff forwards gave Mitchell a chance of regaining the lead, but he shot over the bar from a good position.

ORIENT ON MARK

Clapton Orient 4 Norwich 3
Marksmanship rather than teamwork gained the point for Orient. Norwich showed more understanding among the forwards and had a steady defence, in which Taylor, at left back, shone.

But the home attack, while lacking in cohesion, were deadly when in the vicinity of the goalmouth.

Thomas (2), Tully, and Shankly scored for Clapton Orient. Plunkett, Chadwick, and Hall for Norwich.

NOTTS CO. FLATTERED

Notts Co. 3 Sheffield U. 0
County took the lead in the opening minute when Towler pounced on a lobbing ball which deceived the Sheffield full-backs and scored from a few yards' range.

Near the interval Sheffield rallied, and Pickering missed equalising by inches.

U.S. Baseball Results

NEW YORK, May 27 (Reuter).—The following League baseball matches were played yesterday:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Philadelphia	3	5	0
(Johnson homered)			
Washington	4	10	2
(Wells homered)			
The match was played over 10 innings.			
Cleveland	13	10	6
(Trosky homered)			
St. Louis	1	7	3

Sheffield had the better of the play after the interval, but persisted in close tactics; and Towler put County further ahead from Duncan's pass. Beattie increased the lead from a penalty.

It was a moderate game, with the margin flattering the County.

MANSFIELD IMPROVED

Rotherham 1 Mansfield 2
Rotherham did nearly all the attacking in the first half, but their finishing was weak.

Hanson, however, put them ahead with a smart goal.

Mansfield were a much improved team in the second half. Robertson equalised, and a minute later put them in front. They held on to their lead despite a late rally by Rotherham.

COVENTRY SHOT BADLY

Birmingham 2 Coventry 0
Coventry, thanks mainly to Davidson, had the better of the opening exchanges. When Birmingham retaliated Jones hit a post with a splendid drive.

Crawley missed an open goal for Coventry, while Broome and Harris went close for Birmingham. Later Bodle tested the Coventry goalkeeper, while Green missed badly at the other end.

Half an hour after the interval Trigg opened Birmingham's score. The same player added a second just before the close. Poor shooting lost Coventry the game.

WINNERS SINCE 1934

OPEN PAIRS

1934—F. J. Jones and A. W. Grimmit.
1935—M. J. Medina and J. Cavanagh.
1936—R. Duncan and S. Randle.
1937—A. M. Omar and P. M. Omar.
1938—C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares.
1939—F. V. V. Ribeiro and H. A. Alves.

TABLE-TENNIS EXHIBITION

The Saigon table-tennis double champions, who have arrived in the Colony recently, gave an exhibition at the Chinese Y. M. C. A. last night when they met several prominent Hongkong players.

In the doubles match, the visitors, Cheng Pit-fat and Cheng Tsi-hun beat Miss Leung Wai-pun and Miss Mok Woon-king by two sets to nil.

In the singles, Cheng Pit-fat lost to Tang Shiu-lai in two straight sets.

Passengers

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Those who left Hongkong on a Dutch liner yesterday for the north were:—

Mr. O. Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Sala and son, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Thomas.

Passengers who embarked on a Japanese liner for the north were:—

Mr. T. Aldasmi, Mr. M. F. Hadden, Mr. M. Kojima, Miss E. Lovelitch, Mr. H. Masukawa and child, Mr. H. Ogura, Mr. I. Tanaka.

Another Japanese ship going northwards took on board two Japanese passengers yesterday.—Mr. Toyoziro Iwai, Mr. Toichiro Ogamino.

ARRIVALS

Only eleven passengers disembarked from a Japanese liner passing through—

Mrs. Edith M. Arstall, Miss Jean M. Miller, Mr. Georges Foulard, Mr. Tilly Louis, Mrs. Georges Glibbourn and two daughters, Miss Ah Wong, Mr. Haruo Sital, Mrs. Frances A. Ruseau and son.

In transit on the same Japanese liner for points north were 160 passengers:—

Mr. W. E. Bredin, Mme. D. E. Boissevain and daughter, Mrs. Era Platt, Mrs. Y. Wamada and son, Mrs. M. Demoto and daughter, Mrs. T. Makino and four children, Mr. Lito Schoua, Mr. N. Kobayashi, Mr. K. Toyosima; Mr. S. Ito, Mr. C. Hassarum.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Suzuki and son, Mr. C. Mizutani, Mr. H. Mizutani, Mr. K. Takayama, Mr. H. Miyai, H. E. Alberto Castro Girona and Mme. Girona, H. E. D. Jose Rojas Y. Moreno, Srta. D. Victoria Rojas Rosado, Senor D. Mariano Orbe-goso.

Senor J. A. B. Paternain, Senor Don Alfonso M. C. Esteban, Senor D. Aurelio Sol Pagan, Senor Don Jaquin Calbo Sotelo, Senor A. R. Robert, Senor D. E. C. R. Codes, Senor D. D. de Lacruz Solanes, Senor D. F. R. Escobedo, Senor D. A. Arbura, Senor D. F. M. Vidal, Senor D. R. M. Fabra.

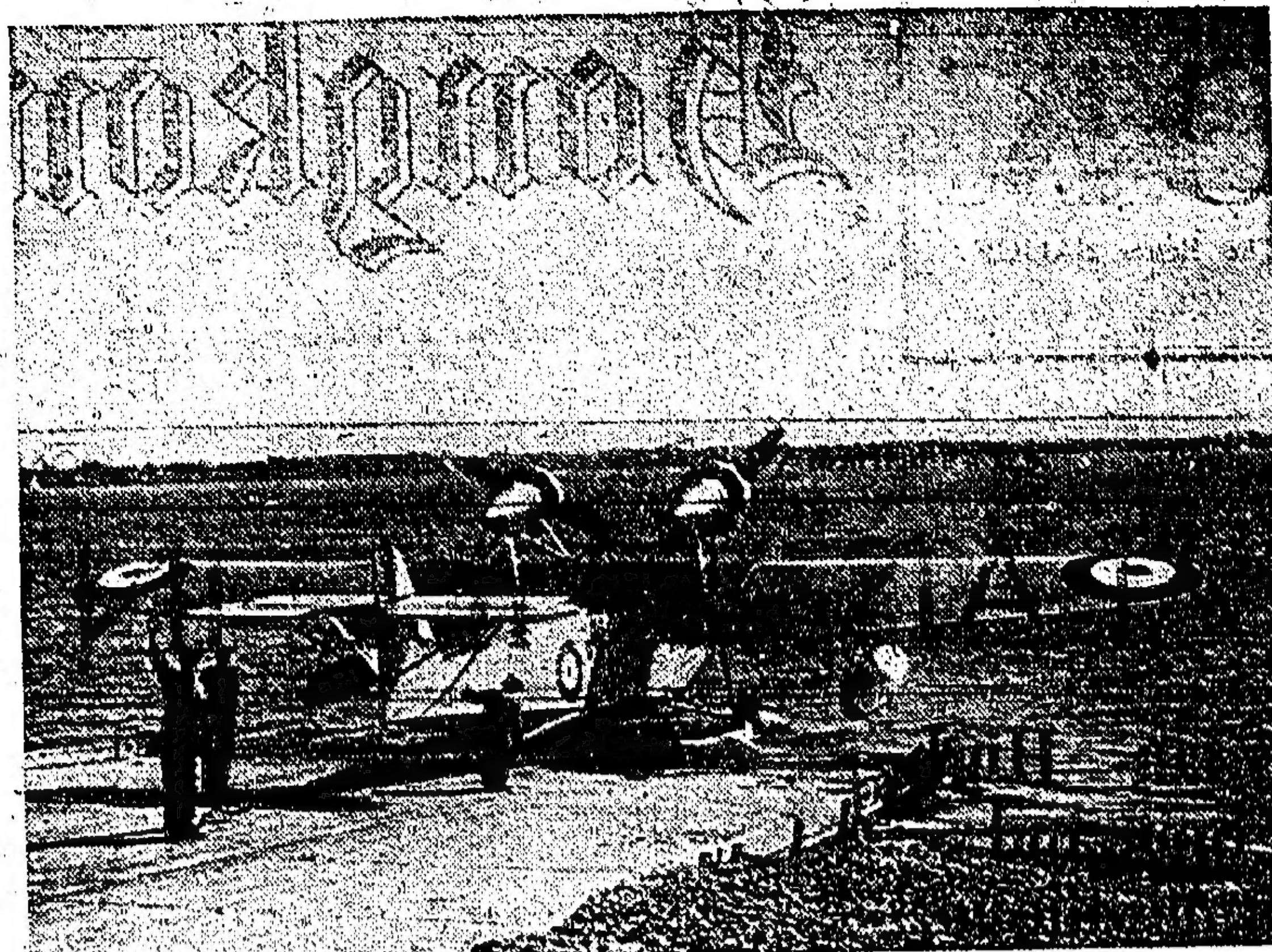
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Miss E. Weiss, Miss K. Segal, Mrs. K. Burstein, Mrs. E. Murray and daughter, Mrs. A. Kovacs, Miss F. Sheridan, Miss M. Borodine, Mr. and Mrs. J. Payne and son, Mr. J. McGillivray, Mr. W. Hunziker, Mr. M. Weissenfuh, Mr. M. S. Mahomed, Mrs. F. Sheridan.

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"GIANT" INDIAN MAJOR IN LONDON

3 GENERATIONS OF SERVICE

LONDON, May 7 (By Air Mail).—For generations the family of Major Mahomed Akbar Khan have fought for or against Britain.

43 YEARS

Both his grandfathers were on our side in the Indian Mutiny; his father served us in the Indian Army for 43 years; and now Major Akbar Khan is in the 26th year of his service with the Forces.

Earlier ancestors fought against us in the Sikh wars.

Today, Major Akbar Khan is in London in charge of a small party of 14 Indian soldiers on leave from France.

A giant of a man, standing well over six feet and extraordinarily broad, he towered over his compatriots as they came out of the Houses of Parliament, round which they had been shown by Sir Jocelyn Lucas, M. P.

He pointed out to me various members of the unit, and reeled off the years of service—25 years, 28 years, 30 years—years spent mainly in the hard school of the North-West Frontier.

"THAT OLD MAN"

One of the men, a lance corporal, did not look a day more than 40, but the Major laughingly referred to him as "that old man." The lance corporal has been in the army for 30 years.

Major Akbar Khan has a double row of ribbons on his broad chest. In the last war he was the first of a small number of Indians who were given the King's commission for gallantry in the field. To-day he is the only one of them still serving.

"I started in the ranks and after 25 years have got thus far," he said. "Who knows? I may go further."

Most of the Major's service in the last war was in Persia, Mesopotamia and Palestine. But in his party is a man who had a much more varied experience.

Grave, greybearded Rissalidar, Major Mahomed, Ashraf Khan served in France, Gallipoli, Salonika, Mesopotamia and Palestine.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., May 27.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.84 ins.
Temperature, 73 F.
Humidity, 94 per cent.
Wind Direction, E.
Wind Force, (Beaufort), 4.
Temperature, maximum yesterday, 79 F.
Temperature, minimum last night, 72 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, 0.13 ins.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 28.04 ins.
Against an average of, 20.84 ins.
Sunset tonight, 7.02 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 5.39 a.m.

4 p.m., May 27.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.77 ins.
Temperature, 75 F.
Humidity, 89 per cent.
Wind Direction, W.
Wind Force, (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 75 F.
Minimum temperature, 72 F.
Rainfall, nil.

ROYAL DECREE TO SAFEGUARD NETHERLANDS' PROPERTY

The following communique has been issued by the Consul-General for the Netherlands at Hongkong: The Consulate-General for the Netherlands in Hongkong has received a telegram from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands in London, stating that the Netherlands Government has published a Royal Decree dated May 24, 1940 to safeguard the property of Netherland individuals and companies against the disposal contrary to their interests or against the country's interests.

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According to this decree claims of whatever description or legal form, including gold deposits, shares, securities, rights under credit arrangements, etc., belonging to individuals and companies resident in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and that can be pledged, sold or disposed of in whatever form outside the European part of the Kingdom, become as from May 24, 1940 the property of the State, represented by the Royal Netherlands Government, temporarily resident in London. They are to be administered in the interest of the original owner, in so far as these individuals or companies were on May 15, 1940, not resident outside the now occupied part of the Kingdom. The proprietary interests will be restored after the war.

The decree is applicable to the Netherlands Indies, Surinam (Netherlands Guyana) and Curacao (Netherlands West Indies).

850; E. Dowson 100; The European and Chinese Staff of the Hongkong, and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd. (April) 50; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alabaster (May) 50. Total \$534,902.99.

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We are all up against much the same problem—how to enjoy every inch of life and still stay out of trouble. In the thrilling new 20th Century-Fox film, "It Could Happen To You," which comes to-

morrow to the Majestic Theatre, Mac Wilson got into plenty of this thing called trouble and he's still in it if it hadn't been for the ingenuity of his clever and devoted wife, Doris.
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FIRST OF THE "TOAST" SERIES ON NAVAL OCCASIONS

The Swan Lake

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots — Woe Is Me; Mama Don't Allow It—Nat Gonella and His Georgians. Fox-Trots—I Heard A Song In A Taxi (from "Transatlantic Rhythm"). Breakfast In Harlem (from "Transatlantic Rhythm"). Harry Roy and His Orchestra. Waltzes — Neapolitan Nights; Midnight Waltz—Gino Sordini and His Hawaiians. Fox-Trots—It's Got To Be Love (from "On Your Toes"); Cowboy-Roy Fox & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Laughing Irish Eyes (from the film—Johnny Johnson and His Orchestra).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.

Cavalcade of Musical Tunes—Intro: There's something about a soldier; The King's Horse; When the Guards are on Parade; When a Soldier's on Parade; The Toy Drum Major. A Liebestraum Fantasy (After Liszt); Melody in F (after Rubinstein).

1.14 Debroy Somers Band.

Glamorous Night—Selection: Seeing Stars — Selection (John and Brookes).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) in a Military Band Concert.

Silver Trumpets — Grand Processional March (Viviani, arr. Codrey).—Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller. Sea Winds (Askew-Harrison); Full Sail (Graves-Buck)—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra. March of the Mountain Gnomes (Ellenberg); The Mill in The Black Forest (Ellenberg)—The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller. The Menin Gate (Bowen)—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Organ accompaniment. The Old Frog Pond—Characteristic (Alford) — Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 Tchaikovsky—The Swan Lake—Ballet Music.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

6.35 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.37 A Concert by Richard Crooks (Tenor) and Essie Ackland (Contralto).

For Love Alone (Selviger-Thayer); The Unforgotten Melody (Lockton-Wood)—Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra. Sweet and Low (Barbary, arr. Forwood)—Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Piano and Organ. Just to Linger In Your Arms (Arnold). Gipsy Moon (Berganoff) — Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra. Just for Today (Seaver); Sanctuary (The Little Old Garden — Hewitt) — Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Organ accompaniment. By Herbert Dawson.

7.00 Compositions of Debussy.

"The Children's Corner" Suite — Alfred Cortot (Piano). Nuit d'Étoile: Hélène Ludolph (Soprano) with Piano accompaniment. Moore and Organ accompaniment. By Herbert Dawson. Petite Suite — Symphony Orchestra cond. by Piero Coppola.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and the Orchestra Raymonds.

Dance of the Merry Masochists (Kretschmer)—Orchestra Raymonds. D'Amour En Amour (Deletrre); La Boyagère (Deletrre) — Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra. A Musical Snuff Box (Lisadown); Parade of the City Guards (Jessel) — Orchestra Raymonds. En Se Regardant (Deletrre); Chez Moi (de Mirakl)—Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra. Only A Rose (from "The Vagabond King"—Primi); Song of the Vagabonds (from "The Vagabond King"—Primi) — Orchestra Raymonds.

8.32 Sea Songs.

Ship Ahoy March (arr. Mackenzie)—Intro: The Sea is England's Glory; The Lads in Navy Blue Ship Ahoy (arr. Vaughan Williams) — Medley (arr. Vaughan Williams) — Intro: Princess Royal; Admiral Benbow; Portsmouth; Life on the Ocean Waves—Massed Bands of the Royal Marines (of Portsmouth Command) cond. by Bandmaster G. C. Keen. The Sailor Likes His Bottle—O. Clear the Track! Let the Bulbine Run (arr. Terry); Sally Brown; Hanging Johnny; Whisky Johnny (arr. Terry) — John Goss (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet with Piano.

ness, plays admirably the role of a young 35 a week advertising man on the threshold of big things. Gloria Stuart, lithe and blonde and breezy, is not only mighty attractive to look at but very useful in getting her husband out of an untidy scrape with the law.

This outstanding film is based on an original story by Charles Hoffman. The screen play, written brilliantly by Allen Rivkin and Lon Breslow, has retained the flavour and punch of the original.

8.45 Studio—The "Toast" Series on Naval Occasions No. 1: Reserve Fleet.

8.57 Short Variety Programme.

Comedienne — My Young Man's Ever So Nice (Vivian Ellis); Dennis, The Monocle Man (Venice Fola) — Eric Albertson with Orchestra. Humorous Monologues—Reading to the Children (Marshall); The Botany Class (Marshall)—Arthur Marshall. Comedienne—A Perfect Lady (Pherns & Gwyn); Women in Love (Rutherford & Wilcock)—Doris Palmer with Piano.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—A Topical Talk.

9.45 Cesar Franck—Sonata in A Major.

Alfred Cortot (Piano) and Jacques Thibaud (Violin).

10.15 Resplendence—The Birds—A Suite for Small Orchestra.

Brussels Royal Conservatoire Orchestra conducted by Desire Defauw.

10.30 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots — Sing, Sing, Sing (Prima); Harlem (Carroll) — Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing. Six-Eight—Sarah, The Hergest Major's Daughter; Fox-Trot — Supposing — Eight—Sarah, The Sergeant Major's Fox-Trots—Jazz Convulsions; Rockin' In Rhythm—Duke Ellington and His Orchestra. Waltz—Coronation Waltz; Tango—Questa Noite Ti Dira—Man-tovani and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots — Your Heart and Mine; Keep A Twinkle In Your Eyes—Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

11.00 Close down.

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Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

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"Under Nazi Rule"—On Mondays at 9.30 p.m.; reproductions on Tuesdays at 4.15 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 11 p.m.

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"World Affairs"—On Fridays at 9.30 p.m.; reproductions on the same day at 2.45 a.m. and on Saturdays at 12.30 p.m.

"London Log"—On Saturdays at 3.30 p.m.; reproductions on the same day at 11 p.m. and 8.45 a.m. and on Sundays at 12.30 p.m.

"Vive La France"—On Thursdays at 9.30 p.m.; reproductions on the same day at 2.45 a.m. and on Fridays at 11.45 a.m. and on Mondays at 2.45 p.m.

"Political India"—On Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.; reproductions on Thursdays at 2 p.m. and on Saturdays at 2.45 p.m.

"From the Western Front"—On Sundays at 9.15 a.m., 3.45 p.m., and 1.45 a.m.

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Dionne Quins Will Be Six Years Old Today

The world-famed quintuplets, Marie, Emilie, Yvonne, Cecile and Annette Dionne, will be six years old today.

They were born in a small farmhouse in Callander, Ontario, the daughters of M. and Mme. Dionne.

The Quins are wards of King George VI, who, with Queen Elizabeth, received them during their visit to Canada on May 22 last year.

Mme. Dionne, who is 30 years old, and has seven other children, receives £20 a month from the State.

The Quins made their first appearance in a full length film in "The Country Doctor," with Jean Hersholt.

After birth, the Quins had the continuous attention of Dr. Daniel Dafoe, O.B.E.

COMING EVENTS

MAY

28—Tides: High 3.37 a.m. and 12.55 p.m.; Low 6.45 a.m. and 8.56 p.m. Sunrise: 5.38 a.m.; Sunset: 7.02 p.m. Sino-American Inst. of Cultural Relations: Annual Meeting, Chinese Merchants' Club, 5.30 p.m. Wm. Powell, Ltd.: Annual Meeting, 6, Des Voeux Rd., 12.15 p.m. Exhibition of Paintings at Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Rosary Church—Special Service, 6 p.m.

H.K. Union Church Working Party, 10 a.m. Y.M.C.A.: Bridge Class, 10 a.m.; Australian Society's Social Evening, 8.30 p.m.; Mixed Swimming, 6 p.m. Chero Club: Whist Drive, 6 p.m. H.K. Rotary Club: Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m. Speaker—Mr. Owen Johnson. Jockey Club Paddock: Public Roup of Poles, 3.15 p.m. Chess Championship Continued. Cathedral Scouts, Bishop's House, 5.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Parochial Church Council, 8 p.m.

Salvation Army Meeting, H.K. Union Church Hall, 7.30 p.m.

S. and S. Home: Prayer and Fellowship Mtg., 8.30 p.m.

29—Tides: High 4.35 a.m. and 1.50 p.m.; Low 7.59 a.m. and 9.45 p.m. Sunrise: 5.37 a.m.; Sunset: 7.02 p.m. Choral Group to present "Cavalleria Rusticana" at King's Theatre.

H.K. Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society: Annual Meeting, Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Gramophone Recital, 9 p.m.

Chero Club: Dance, 8.30 p.m.

30—Tides: High 5.22 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.; Low 10.21 a.m. and 10.38 p.m. Sunrise: 5.37 a.m.; Sunset: 7.02 p.m. Choral Group to present "Cavalleria Rusticana" at King's Theatre.

Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd.: Annual Meeting, 12 noon.

Half-Year General Meeting of H.K. Jockey Club, 8.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Games Morning, 10 a.m.

Chero Club: Mahjong Drive, 8.30 p.m.

Vocal Recital at Teachers Training College, Hospital Road, 8 p.m.

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ACROSS: 1, Cancel; 4, Rabbit; 8, War; 9, Jaguar; 11, Prawns; 12, Dante; 13, Lotter; 16, Smile; 18, Erne; 19, Instil; 23, Crayon; 25, Gash; 26, Trust; 29, Greedy; 31, Tulle; 33, Lathes; 34, Easter; 35, New; 36, Nomads; 37, Styled.

DOWN: 1, Cajole; 2, Noggin; 3, Evade; 4, Rapt; 5, Arrest; 6, Bewall; 7, Tassel; 10, Rarity; 14, Orb; 15, Tears; 17, Midge; 20, Single; 21, L.S.D.; 22, Stolen; 23, Custom; 24, Attend; 26, Aerial; 27, Hybrid; 30, React; 32, Uses.

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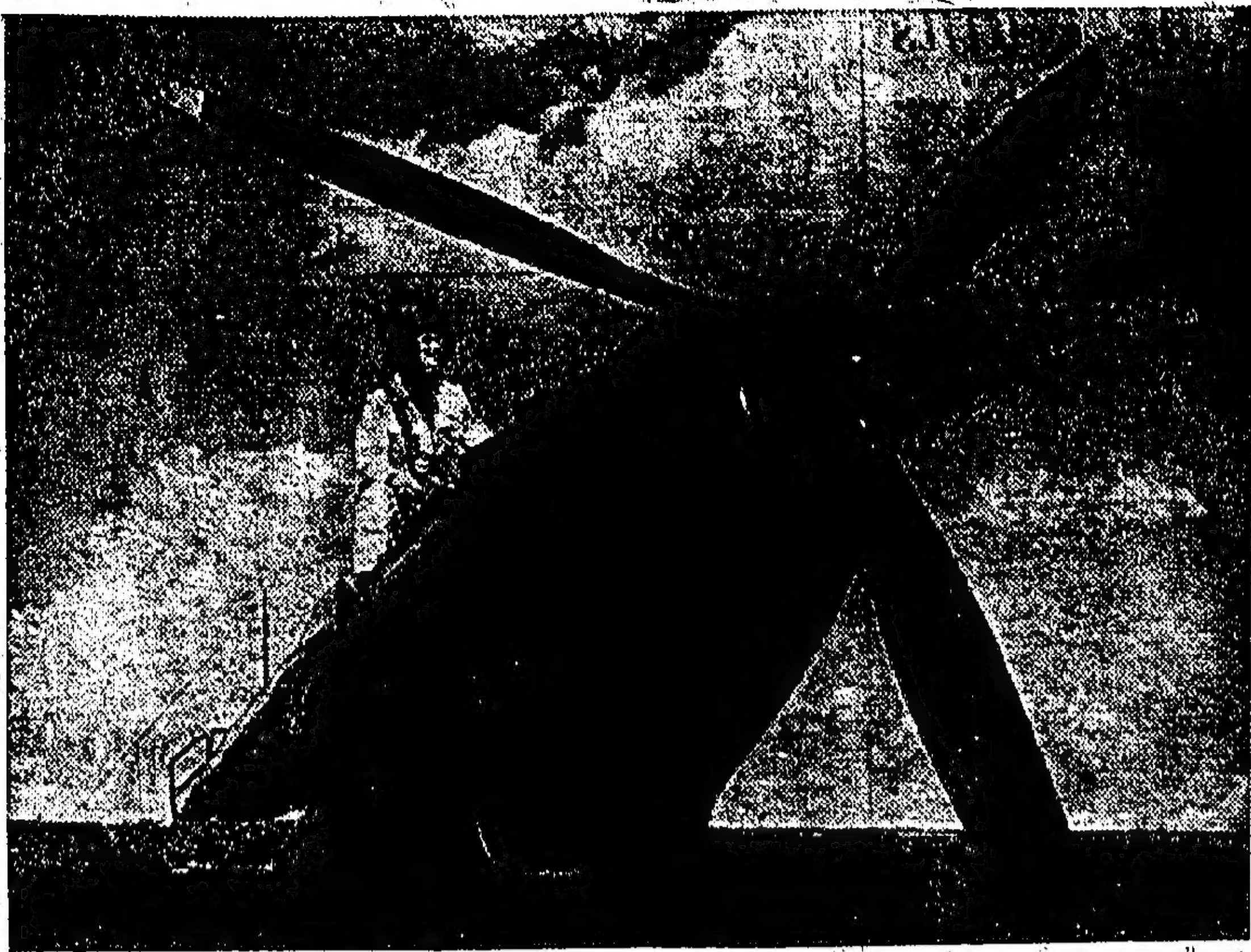
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THE WATCH ON THE SKY—On "Stand-by" duty in France a British Royal Air Force pilot, confident of the capabilities of his "Battle" aircraft, looks to the sky.

R.A.F. BOMBS DROPPED ON MUNITION DUMP

Bridges Over Meuse, Rhine Also Badly Damaged

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry news service states that troop trains and important railway junctions in north-west Germany and enemy occupied areas were successfully bombed during Friday night's extensive operations.

Attacking the aerodrome, in Flushing, at midnight, the R.A.F. caused considerable damage to the hangars and also dropped incendiary bombs which started many fires which were observed to be still burning two hours later.

Bridges over the canal linking the rivers Meuse and Rhine were bombed from a low altitude and badly damaged.

Other aircraft heavily bombed north Geldern, a few miles from Germany and destroyed a troop train and a goods train. Ten machine-guns on the roof of a train opened fire and a member of the bomber crew said, "we ran through a curtain of green tracer bullets and dropped a salvo."

"The noise was deafening and we saw large bits of the carriage and truck flying in all directions."

PETROL DEPOT BOMBED

Railway junctions were attacked at Jemelle, Libramont and Recogne where a large explosion followed the bombing of an ammunition dump and petrol depot. A train was bombed on a viaduct near Namur and a direct hit caused half the train to disappear.

Many other convoys were bombed and machine-gunned. The railway junction at Louvain was set afire and the junction at St. Quentin heavily bombed. Attacks were made on marshalling yards and aerodromes in Germany.

A pilot who successfully bombed an aerodrome north-east of Dortmund reported, on his return that he had seen a blazing fire in Ruhr, showing that another raid had found his target.

TROOPS ATTACKED

On Saturday, the R.A.F. hit hard in a series of daylight raids. The raids took place over a wide area and they also bombed pontoon and road bridges along the Belgian front.

Two hundred bombs were dropped upon a long column of supply lorries near Boulogne.

Then the attackers dived to 90 feet and scattered smaller bombs.

The main road and bridge over Lys were demolished and two pontoon bridges were attacked. One was wrecked and the other was badly damaged. The approaches to the bridges were blocked.

Large bodies of German troops which were massing to the rear of the "battlefield" in Belgium were heavily bombed in the afternoon.

MORE RAIDS

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announces that heavy bombers of the Royal Air Force carried out further extensive operations against the enemy throughout Saturday night.

Targets successfully attacked in the Rhineland included railway junctions, sidings and marshalling yards.

Many important objectives on the enemy's lines of communication were also bombed.

Dumps were exploded and supply depots set on fire.

Two of our bombers were lost in these operations.

Medium bombers operating from south Britain and France again made successful attacks by day and night on enemy armoured vehicles, ammunition dumps and artillery.

STILL LEADING HIS TROOPS



LONDON, May 27 (Reuter)—King Leopold is in the midst of his troops and the Government is remaining with their Sovereign, declared M. Hymans, former Belgian Foreign Minister, in a statement to the Belgian news agency.

M. Hymans added that when the German attack began on May 10, the Belgian army, which had been on guard at the frontier for six months, amounted to 700,000 men and all men up to 35 years of age were called up in addition.

A large number of young Belgians imbued with the highest patriotism, were now receiving military training on French soil and as a result the total Belgian military strength would ultimately amount to over a million men.

H.M.S. WESSEX LOST

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announces that the destroyer, H. M. S. Wessex was lost as a result of damage from enemy air attacks, while engaging with other Naval units off the French Coast. Six ratings were killed and 15 others wounded.

Four of these aircraft are missing.

OIL TANKS ABLAZE

Fighter activity was less intense on Saturday owing to the weather conditions, but some 20 enemy aircraft were shot down with the loss of four British fighters.

Yesterday over 40 enemy aircraft have been destroyed or seriously damaged while seven of our fighters are missing.

Four of our fighters reported missing on Thursday have since returned safely to their aerodromes in France.

Reconnaissance aircraft of the Coastal Command found oil tanks in Rotterdam still burning this morning after the recent bombing attack.

They took the opportunity to bomb several more and set them on fire.

Berlin Lies Denounced

BUTCHERY OF THE INNOCENT

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter)—The Cairo War del Masri denounces radio Berlin's lies, in which it declared that Hitler was exchanging friendly letters with Imam Yehia, and says "the truth is quite the opposite. The Imam sent Hitler a message, asking him to terminate the war and to preserve the world from the butchery with which the Germans are shedding innocent blood."

Such was the message. We are in a position to affirm that Hitler did not answer the letter."

This example gives some idea of the deceiving manoeuvres with which the Nazis try to make the people believe that they are supported by the Arabs.

THE BRITISH SPIRIT

The Bern Basler Nachrichten says, "It is a peculiarity of the English character that it only develops its full power in moments of great danger. The spirit which prevails the English people in all crisis is well expressed by Lord Rosebery—'At the time of the greatest Napoleonic peril, none thought of yielding, or the possibility of asking for peace.' Can it be that this spirit is any different today?"

GERMANY'S HEAVY FIELD LOSSES

PARIS, May 27 (Reuter)—President Lebrun has signed the order dismissing many high Police officials in northern France.

Seven infantry colonels have been appointed temporary Brigadier-Generals.

General Weyand, the Allied Commander-in-Chief, is reported to be satisfied, confident and full of hope.

The price at which the German advance has been gained is stressed in Paris. The German losses have been three times those of the Allies.

CHANNEL PORTS ARE HELD

PARIS, May 27 (Reuter)—According to military circles here, French troops are firmly holding the ports of Calais, Dunkirk and Zeebrugge.

A fierce battle has been raging all day on either side of Valenciennes, where the Germans launched two strong attacks on Sunday morning.

No indication of the final outcome of these battles can yet be given, but it was reported late yesterday afternoon that French troops had repulsed all German attacks and that they had inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

At other points on the front, the Germans have failed to break through the positions of the Allied armies in the north, either on the River Lys in the region of Courtrai or in the west.

Above all the day was one of aerial activity. Both the British and French air forces were extremely active, carrying out intense bombing operations over the whole region of the north, as well as the German rear and on Nazi columns on the march.

CHINESE TROOPS AGAIN APPROACH TSAOYANG

Fierce Engagement Near Honan Border

CHUNGKING, May 27 (Central)—Fighting on the Hupeh-Honan border continued to centre around places south-east of TsaoYang, where the Japanese lines have been mercilessly dissected and punished.

Having hurled back the second Japanese drive on the twin cities of Fancheng and Shiangyang on the upper reaches of the Han River, Chinese forces are again steadily encroaching on TsaoYang, which was lost, regained and lost again in quick succession earlier this month.

The Chinese forces at Yenfo-kow, following up their success on May 23, continued to advance southward and wiped out a force of 500 Japanese infantry at Yangkiatang, just south of the Honan border.

STIFF CHINESE RESISTANCE

Another fierce engagement between crack Chinese forces and about 2,000 Japanese took place near Huiyangchen across the border in Honan, on May 24. The Japanese lost 800 men and a quantity of supplies.

In north Kiangsu, Japanese forces suffered a serious reverse at Chinese hands west of Hing-hwa, north-east of Kaoyu. After bringing up large reinforcements, the invaders based at Kaoyu, Yangchow and Shaopo launched an attack on the Chinese positions in the Hinghwa-Tsichow regions. The Chinese put up a stiff resistance and finally succeeded in flinging back the attackers.

In the Shaoshan area, south of the Chienyang River in Chekiang, the Japanese renewed their offensive on May 25 by driving southward. Fighting is reported to be still in progress at Yotakiao and the vicinity.

The battle for the possession of Tsincheng, in southeast Shansi, continues unabated. A number of strategic points around the town have been wrested back by the Chinese from the enemy. In an encounter at Wangchwang, south of Tsincheng, the Chinese exacted a toll of 200 from the Japanese and captured six of them alive.

BETTER PLANES BETTER MEN

WHY OUR AIR FORCE IS SO SUPERIOR

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter)—The superiority of the R.A.F. in fighting quality is indisputable and there is evidence of this in the growing total of the German losses.

On Saturday, 25 German bombers were brought down at the cost of one British pilot's life.

One pilot came down with one engine out of action. His fuselage was riddled and his contrail almost shot away. He was a member of a squadron which had accounted for 18 Nazi planes and 11 others in one fight.

On Saturday they shot down six while it is probable that they also accounted for two more Messerschmitts.

FLOWN THROUGH FIRE

While attacking the enemy, a Flight-Lieutenant found his Spitfire was shaking. He had flown through anti-aircraft fire without knowing it.

Another pilot was given up as lost. Suddenly his comrades heard his voice coming over the radio announcing that he had been shot down by two German planes.

A squadron of Hurricanes which encountered a group of 50 Junkers 87's shot down six definitely and probably two more.

In one fight a Hurricane pilot found he was nearly crashing into a Henschel. He fired at it point-blank. The German plane went down in flames.

EVACUATION CENTRES

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter)—The Government has decided that as Holland, parts of Belgium and northern France are in enemy hands, the following towns on the south-east coast will become evacuation areas:

Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Felixstowe, Harwich, Clacton, Frinton, Walton Southend, Margate, Ramsgate, Broadstairs, Sandwich, Dover, Deal and Folkestone.

Arrangements are being made for children, whose parents wish them to go, to be sent to safer districts in the Midlands and in Wales.

The movement will start next Sunday.

China War

Two Planes Down

CHINESE PILOT'S FINE WORK

CHUNGKING, May 26 (Central)—Two Japanese planes, a heavy bomber and a fighter, were shot down over Chungking yesterday afternoon in a furious air battle in which the enemy amassed 72 machines—the "heaviest concentration" fielded by the Japanese since the start of the present "bombing season."

Kao Yu-sing, pilot and machine-gunner, was the hero of the day. He accounted for one of the Japanese raiders after a relentless duel in which his own machine was riddled by machine-gun fire.

HEAVY DAMAGE

The enemy machine, after suffering heavy damage, was sent down in a streak of flame over Shaochwanyingchiao, forty kilometers southeast of Chungking. The detonation was heard several miles around.

The other machine, a heavy bomber, was shot down above the Chien River, by cross fire from several Chinese pursuits.

During the Japanese raid, scores of bombs were dumped on the suburbs of the city.

Earlier in the morning, some 50 Japanese planes in several groups raided various places in Szechwan, including Hsikiang, Yungchuan and Chongking. They were challenged and driven away by Chinese fighters.

LEUNGHOW RETAKEN

KWANGTUNG FRONT, May 27 (Central)—Chinese forces on the Tsungfa sector scored a notable success by recapturing Leunghow yesterday afternoon.

Leunghow is a strategic village about 16 miles north of Tsungfa, east of the railway, and was the northernmost point the Japanese reached in their recent drive.

Several vantage points around Leunghow have all returned to Chinese hands.

NO SERIOUS ATTACK

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter)—The British General Headquarters have issued a communique stating that there had been no serious attack yesterday on the British front.

The enemy launched a strong offensive against the Belgian forces on our left. The British troops have gone to the assistance of the Allies.

There have been heavy bombing attacks on towns in the back area.

The events of the last few days have not impaired the courage and resource of the British soldier.

One tank by itself yesterday destroyed seven armoured fighting vehicles.

FULL-BLOODED OFFENSIVES

PARIS, May 27 (Reuter)—A military spokesman states that the German attacks on the Allied armies in Belgium on Saturday were full-blooded offensives in which artillery, aircraft and tanks participated.

In the attack on Lys the opposing forces swayed backwards and forwards but finally the original positions were fully maintained.

Two other attacks were also launched on fronts from six to ten miles wide. Both attacks completely failed.

A special announcement broadcast from Berlin claimed that an aircraft carrier had been bombed and sunk off the Norwegian coast.

Well-informed circles in London state that there is no truth whatever in this claim.

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BETTER TURNOVER IN SPITE OF DISTURBED CONDITIONS

Eighth Annual Meeting Of China Emporium

The setting aside of a certain amount from profit to meet payment under the War Revenue Ordinance accounted for the increased amount carried over to new account, said Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, chairman of the board of directors, at the eighth annual meeting of the China Emporium Ltd., held yesterday.

In spite of disturbed conditions, a better turnover was reported, and payment of a dividend of 80 cents per share was announced.

In his report, the chairman said:

The profit for the period from April 1, 1939, to March 31, 1940, together with the balance brought forward from last account, amounts to \$302,733.17, which your Directors recommend should be dealt with as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 80 cents per share \$106,963.20.

To write off Land and Building \$70,000.00.

To write off Furniture and Fixtures \$27,000.00.

To bonus to Founders, Directors, Managers, and Staff \$25,001.15.

To carry forward to the credit of a new account \$73,878.82.

Total \$302,733.17.

I trust that you will approve of this method of distribution.

During the year under review, the hostilities in China continued with a strengthening of the coastal blockade, with the result that transport of goods to and from the interior fell off considerably. Although the influx of people into Hongkong was still great, the fall in the value of the National Dollar weakened the purchasing power of a section of the public. Then in September last the war clouds in Europe, which had been gathering for some time, eventually broke, and our orders for goods from there were filled with considerable difficulty.

We can hardly expect our business to escape the effect of war on the two continents; but your Directors are happy to report that in spite of all this the turnover of the year under review shows a marked improvement over that of the previous one.

WAR REVENUE

The recent passing of the War Revenue Ordinance by the Hongkong Government has made it necessary for your Directors to set aside a certain amount from profit to meet this tax, and this accounts for the increased amount carried forward to the new account.

The Directors' proposal to pay a dividend of 80 cents per share and the bonus to Founders, Directors, Managers, and Staff is in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, and I trust shareholders will agree.

The third drawing for the redemption of the Company's Debentures for the current year is to take place on July 1. According to the terms of issue of the Company's Debentures, the amount of \$100,000 is to be paid; but in view of the improved financial position of the Company, your Directors have decided to pay an extra \$50,000, making a total redemption of \$150,000 for the current year thus reducing the liability of the Company and further improving our financial position.

CHOICEST OF GOODS

It has always been the policy of our Company to keep in stock the choicest of goods conforming to the latest fashions and to sell them to our customers at reasonably low prices. For this reason we have always enjoyed the support of the buying public, and I take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation of their patronage. We sincerely hope that shareholders will continue their good efforts in advertising on behalf of the Company, so that our business may increase and your Directors may be able to submit to you a more profitable account next year.

I now beg to propose that the Report of the Directors and Accounts for the year ended March 31, 1940, as presented, may be adopted, and after this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

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TRAPEZE ARTIST INJURED

DURING CIRCUS PERFORMANCE

Serge. Popoff, a 35-year-old trapeze artist, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital on Sunday night suffering from abrasions to the body received while performing at the circus in Mongkok.

Popoff fell from a height of seven feet during the matinee performance. He was standing on a tight-rope at some elevation from the ground and was on the point of beginning his act when one of the supporting iron blocks gave way and the rope loosened.

He fell face downwards and received injuries to his face and mouth.

ROUND THE COURTS

SHOULD HAVE KNOWN MORE

Stating that defendant, being a resident of Hongkong, should have been more conversant with the laws regarding the keeping of mui-tais, Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., fined Yim Kwai-kin, alias Ng Koo, 62, widow, \$100 when she was charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday with keeping an unregistered mui-tai.

Mr. H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., prosecuting, said that the child, Chan Chiu, 14, was well fed and clothed and had been "presented" to defendant in Canton when she was 11 years old for the sum of \$35.

SNATCHER GAOLED

Appearing before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of snatching, Li Yat, 18, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. Pan Kun-sing, married, woman, stated that while she was walking along Wing On Street defendant came along and snatched \$3.80 which she was holding in her hands.

STOLE A TREE

For theft of a tree, valued at \$5, from No. 6 Peak Road, residence of Miss Loureiro, Lau Chuk, 61, was fined \$20 in default of one month's imprisonment by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Insp. Tuckett prosecuted.

THEFT ADMITTED

Pleading guilty to the charge of theft of a fountain pen, property of Liu Sik-ching, Yau On was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy.

TRIAL ADJOURNED

Lo Kau, who was committed to stand trial at the Criminal Sessions was certified as medical unfit to appear in Court by the prison doctor.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, requested that the case be held over.

The trial against Lo was adjourned to the next Criminal Sessions.

ALLEGED MURDER

Hearing was fixed for June 3 and 4 when Kwan Lal-chun, married woman, appeared on remand before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court charged with the murder of Lam Li-kwai, at Hee Wong Terrace, West Point, on May 12. Inspector L. R. Whant is in charge of the prosecution.

ORDERED TO BE EXPELLED

Charged with stealing an overcoat from No. 4 Fort Street, property of Mrs. Epstein, Wong Kwan, 22, was ordered to be expelled from the Colony when he appeared before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Defendant was described as a destitute and was given \$1 from the Poor Box. Sgt. D. A. Pockson prosecuted.

Two Chinese Couples Wed At Registry

Two weddings took place at the Registry yesterday.

The parties were Mr. Kee Yau-nin, of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., and Miss Loo Lai-ching, residing at No. 11, Ching Fung Street;

Mr. Sun You-wing, civil engineer, residing at No. 74, Jaffe Road, and Miss Ngo Chiu-wha, of No. 3, Gramplan Road.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Mr. Tan Keng-yok, rubber planter of Straits Settlements and Miss Liang Kuei-ying, of No. 1, Lane St. West Point.

Mr. Li Fan-kwan, engineer, and Dr. (Miss) Kwan Li-hong, of No. 3, Cheong Ming Street.

Lance-Cpl. George Henry Spinks, of the Royal Corps of Signals, and Miss Dorothy Gertrude Gardner, of No. 4, Hillwood Road.

Mr. C. C. Moy, architect, residing at No. 787, Nathan Road, and Miss J. C. Wong, of No. 10, Ying Fai Terrace.

Mr. Chan Kee-shui, of No. 370, Shanghai Street, and Miss Liu Fung-kwan, of No. 24, Cheungshawan Road.

Mr. George William Hong Choy, student of Morrison Hall, Hongkong University, and Miss Mary Yuen Woon-ying, residing at No. 13, Old Bailey Street.

THREE CARS IN COLLISION

Three cars in a procession of four proceeding in Castle Peak Road on Sunday morning collided one with another as the result of the first car stopping suddenly near the 9-mile stone. No one of the occupants of any of the three cars was injured.

The first car in the line was driven by Mrs. Poole, of Kennedy Town, the second by Mr. L. Skinner of the Telephone Company and the third by Mr. Madhurst.

JUNK ROBBERY OFF WAGLAN ISLAND

Six Boat People Face Trial At Sessions

Six boat people, NG LOI, MAN NGAN-CHAI, SUI LAM, CHAN SHING, SUI NGAU-MUI and CHEUNG SHAP-SHEE, were arraigned before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on a charge of robbery on a junk, in British waters, off Waglan Island.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, conducted the prosecution, while Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau, was for the defence.

The jury comprised Messrs. N. J. Elwood (Foreman), Wong Fai-fone, Pan Dze, Lee Cheuk-lam, Ng Gam-hong, O. Sadick and Wong Tak-kwong.

Opening the case for the Crown, Mr. Reynolds said, that the first complainant, in the case, Yeung Nam-tai, was the steersman of a fishing boat. On January 27, the junk left Lan Kip Village, in Chinese waters, bound for Hongkong, with a cargo of oranges and Chinese copper cents. On the morning of January 28, while off Sam Mun, Customs Station, they were attacked by Japanese and the rudder and other implements to sail the junk were thrown overboard, and a quantity of oranges was taken away. The boat was left drifting helplessly.

HAILED PASSING JUNK

On the following day they hailed a passing junk and sent two folks to Hongkong by that junk to hire a launch to tow the disabled junk back. Meanwhile the junk anchored off Waglan Island, waiting for help to come.

About 11 a.m. on January 30, a three-masted junk approached them and when she came alongside, four persons, two armed with revolvers, jumped across and threatened the crew, who were confined to the holds.

The robbers, alleged to be the six accused, then transferred five piculs of oranges, four sacks of copper cents and other articles, including a metal watch, to their own craft.

The robbers remained on board for about an hour and hurried away at the approach of the launch which had been summoned to tow the junk back.

POLICE GAVE CHASE

On their way back to Hongkong, they came across a Police launch

and made a report of the robbery to the officer in charge. The Police launch gave chase as the "robber junk" was still in sight, about three miles away. After about 25 minutes the launch overtook the junk and took the accused in custody.

A search conducted on board resulted in the oranges and the shark's fin and tail being found but there were no copper cents. The police did not find any arms.

At an identification parade, conducted at the police station, the first, second, third and fifth accused were identified by various members of the crew of the cargo boat.

After evidence, the hearing was adjourned until today at 10 a.m.

MANSLAUGHTER ALLEGED

MAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

On a charge of manslaughter of Chong Kwai, with others not in custody near the Wo Shing Wharf at Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter in the early morning of Apr. 16, Fui Mun, 28, a seaman of cargo boat No. 440, was committed from Kowloon Court by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen yesterday to stand his trial at the Criminal Sessions.

It is alleged that defendant was one of a crowd of men and women who beat up and tarred the deceased after the latter was suspected of theft. Two other men, Wong Kam-shui, 36, and Lo Kau, 25, who were arrested and charged together with Fung were released earlier in the course of committal proceedings for lack of evidence.

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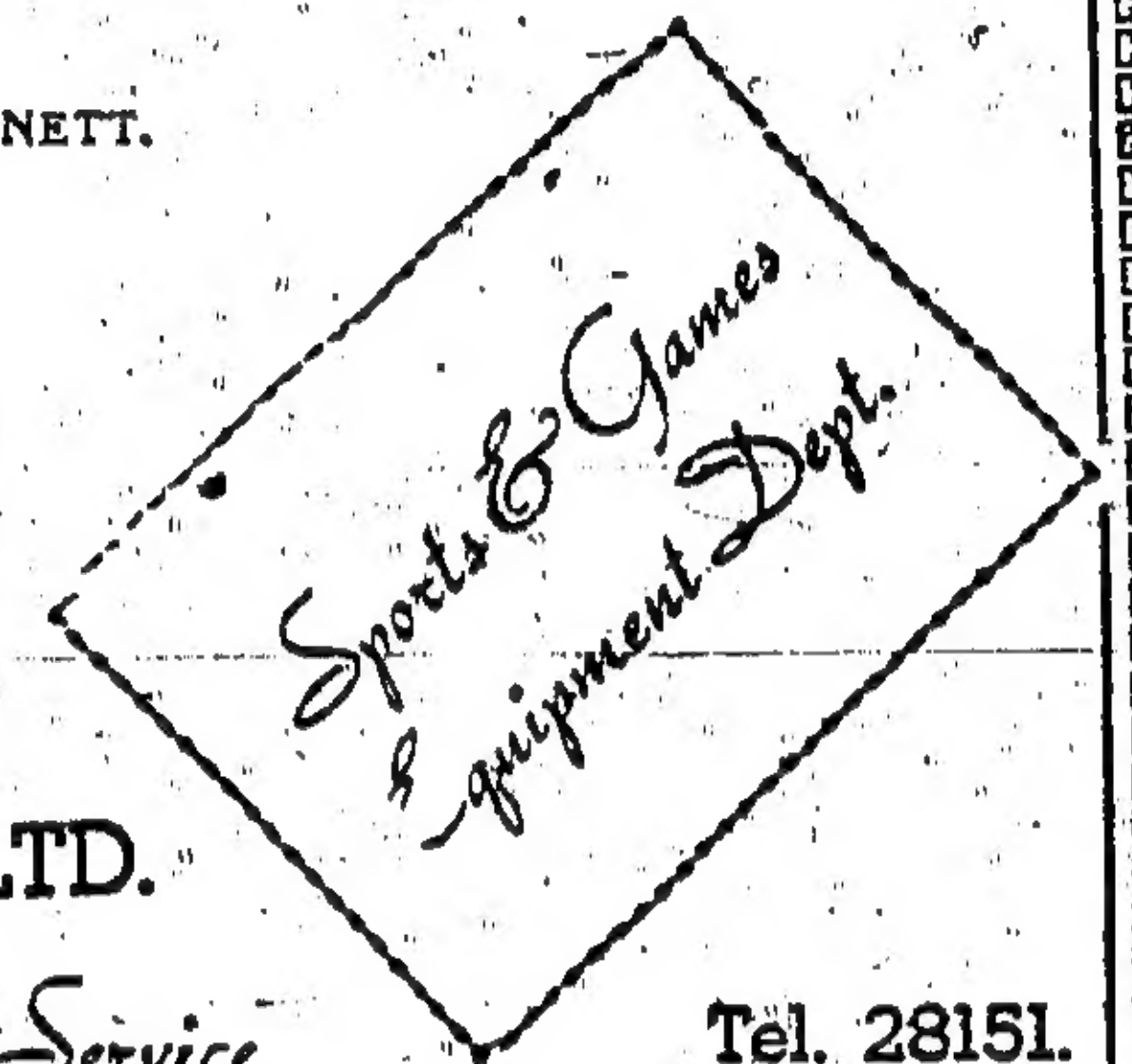
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Notice is hereby given that the thirty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Registered Office of the Company, 6, Des Voeux Road, Central on Tuesday, 28th May, 1940 at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 29th February, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Book of the Company will be closed from the 18th May, 1940 to 28th May, 1940, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board.
W. L. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1940.

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 6th June, 1940, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 29th day of May, to THURSDAY, the 6th of June, 1940, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 23rd May, 1940.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificate No. 16138 for 50 shares Nos. 73004/73053 issued on 2nd February, 1932 and Certificate No. 19273 for 16 shares Nos. 468410/468425 issued on 11th March, 1935 in the name of CHEUNG SUNG PUN have been declared LOST and should the same not be produced before 3rd JUNE, 1940, they shall be deemed CANCELLED and of NO EFFECT.

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Hong Kong, 16th May, 1940.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

R.E.O.C.A.,
HONG KONG BRANCH

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Royal Engineers Old Comrades' Association will take place in the Corporals' Room, Wellington Barracks, on Monday, June 3rd at 6.00 p.m.

HONG KONG/AUSTRALIAN FREIGHT CONFERENCE.

Notice to Shippers.

Shippers are informed that as from 1st August, 1940, the surcharge on cargo to Ports covered by this Conference will be increased to 50%, with the exception of those commodities which carry the 25% surcharge at present, and this will be increased to 40%.

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CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

PARIS, May 27 (Reuter).—A correspondent reports that hundreds of refugees in Boulogne were bombed and machine-gunned by Nazi planes without mercy. Many must have been killed, and hundreds wounded. Three destroyers came into the harbour and opened fire on German gun emplacements on a hill. The guns were put out of action.

While this was going on, women, children and wounded soldiers were being embarked on the destroyers.

ALEXANDRIA, May 27 (Reuter).—The authorities have ordered a blackout throughout the country between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Up to now the blackout has only been imposed along the sea-front.

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter).—German claims that Calais is in German hands are declared in authoritative circles in London to be without foundation. It is added that, as has been emphasised from both British and French sources, Calais remains in the possession of the Allies.

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter).—"Reuter" learns that the German communique claim to have bombed aerodromes in England is ridiculed in well-informed circles. It is presumed that the Germans refer to the raids in Yorkshire and East Anglia which were fully reported by the Air Ministry. In these raids no damage was done beyond that already reported.

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter).—The Belgian Prime Minister, the Foreign and the Ministers of the Interior and Defence arrived in London on Saturday. Here they were met by the Minister of Finance who has been in London a few days. The Prime Minister, M. Hubert Pierlot, and the Foreign Minister, M. Paul Spaak, visited Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary.

PARIS, May 27 (Reuter).—A French Military spokesman said yesterday that the British, French and Belgian armies have been successfully battering back enemy attempts to break through.

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter).—A wounded soldier who has just returned from the Front tells how his unit turned Bren machine-guns on German parachutists as they floated down. A score of them were dead before they hit the ground. "I saw a dozen in women's clothes," he said. "We got them all."

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Nazi Racial Theories

WITH UNABATED persistency in recent years, Germany has levelled charges of imperialistic aims to British rule and has done her best to make out that life under the British flag is intolerable. His Majesty the King on Friday night referred to this evil propaganda of the Nazis and cast the word "imperialism" back in the teeth of Germany. By imperialism, of course, the Germans mean a rule of domination and a lust for conquest. One has only bear in mind the race aspect of the Nazi creed to show where the guilt of imperialism really lies. The Germany that Herr Hitler has planned for the future stands for only one idea—the supremacy of the Aryan race. This race, according to Herr Hitler's own description in his "Mein Kampf," represents the only word in culture and must, therefore, achieve full power and domination! And if Herr Hitler's Nazi creed is successful, the peace "based upon the waving of olive branches and tearful misery-mongering old women, but a peace that would be guaranteed by the triumphant sword of a people endowed with the power to master the world and to administer it in service of a higher civilisation!"

ACCORDING to the Germans, therefore, all other peoples in the world must be classed as the inferior races, whether they be the natives of America, Asia, Africa, or even Germany's immediate neighbours. In other words, Herr Hitler in his plans for a greater Germany, completely rejects the idea of a brotherhood of men, for which the democratic principle stands. It is on such fantastic theories that Herr Hitler is trying to construct what he avers will be the highest standard of civilisation. Under such a rule of domination could the peoples of countries annexed by the Reich hope for any form of fair treatment? The question can best be answered by turning to what is happening in those countries which have already fallen under the yoke of Herr Hitler's lust for power, and more power. The atrocities that are being carried on in Czechoslovakia, Poland, Moravia, Bohemia, Denmark, Norway, and now in Holland, speak more strongly than words can describe of the appalling methods which the Nazis have adopted for bringing about this high standard of world culture for their supreme race! The rest of the world stands shocked and bewildered by the savagery with which the Iron Will of German imperialism is being imposed on the victims of this craze for conquest.

AND IF THIS is an example of what can happen in the western countries which have had to accept the Nazi rule brute force would be the character of the rule which Herr Hitler and his minions would use over the peoples of the Orient if his world domination plans are allowed to bear fruition? The picture is too ghastly even to contemplate, for Herr Hitler's contempt for all things Oriental is too well known to the peoples of the East. There is no knowing to what extent Nazi excesses will go should it be the unhappy lot of the East to fall under the domination of Herr Hitler's will. He aims

GENERAL SIR EDMUND IRONSIDE, K. C. B., C.M.G., succeeded General Viscount Gort as Chief of the Imperial General Staff at the outbreak of the War. General Ironside, who is 59 years of age, was Governor of Gibraltar. Entering the Army in 1899, he rose to be Commander-in-Chief of the Allied troops in Archangel in 1918. Served in India and was General Officer commanding Eastern Command from 1936 to 1938.



The New C-in-C.

NAZI TALES ABOUT THE BALKANS

LONDON, May 27 (By Air Mail).—There were yesterday many messages, most of which could be traced to the Germans, attributing to the Allies and to Turkey plans to attack in South-East Europe.

UNSCRUPULOUS STORIES.

The Ministry of Information stated last night: During the last thirty-six hours the German wireless and news services have been spreading unscrupulous stories about impending trouble on Balkan frontiers. Many of the stories conflict. Others, issued from Berlin, are denied—also from Berlin—an hour or two after issue. The purpose is clear. By spreading these stories Germany seeks to create just that atmosphere of uncertainty which will favour her own purpose.

A sample of the German efforts is the following report from Trondheim, which was given out yesterday by the official news agency. It is quoted by the British United Press: "Shortly before the evacuation of Andalsnes a number of drunken British officers sitting in a public-house were heard singing 'Hang up your washing on the columns of Greece That's the rapid way to glory and peace' to the tune of 'Hang out your washing on the Siesfried Line.'"

Today is the last day of the Fifth One-Man Exhibition of recent water colours and oil paintings by Lui Chan at the St. John's Cathedral Hall. Mr. Chan started studying painting in 1929 from books and is self-taught.

at bringing the greatest form of degradation on the inhabitants of his ruthless attacks with the idea of completely breaking their spirit. What a striking contrast to this barbarity is the rule which the British flag offers its subjects. The peace, welfare and progress of the inhabitants of Britain's vast empire is the home Government's constant care and the security of those countries is regarded by Britain as a sacred trust. In the period that will follow the ultimate victory for the Allied arms, the British Government has given an assurance that the peoples of all races and creeds will be free to live their own lives, untrammelled by any injustice or hardship and in full keeping with their separate means and traditions.

GENERAL IRONSIDE TAKES COMMAND OF HOME FORCES

SIR JOHN DILL APPOINTED CHIEF OF IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter).—General Sir Edmund Ironside has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces in place of General Sir Walter Kirke who will be retired.

General Sir John Dill replaces General Ironside as Chief of the Imperial General Staff. It is explained in well-informed London circles that the changes have been brought about by the developments in the international situation and the necessity of placing the defences of Britain against possible invasion in the strongest possible hands.

It is learned that the appointment of General Ironside and General Sir John Dill is proof of the very great importance the Government attaches to perfecting, by any and every means in their power, the strength of British Home defence.

The question of home defence is now one of paramount importance. Reuter was told in well-informed circles in London, and General Ironside's new post is one to which only a soldier of his strategy and experience would be appointed.

The idea of enemy invasion of Britain had been so far from reality in the past hundred years that it is now necessary to place those defences on an entirely new footing.

It is emphasised that General Ironside's appointment is in no way a criticism of the manner in which General Sir Walter Kirke carried out his task.

The change in the High Command, Reuter was informed, is in no way analogous to the French Army changes announced on Saturday night. No one has been "relieved of their command" but the extreme seriousness of the situation as a whole and the rapid growth of the German threat to Channel ports made it necessary for immediate intensification of action on the Home front.



THE NEW C.I.G.S.

GEN. SIR W. KIRKE

According to a London announcement, received in the Colony through Reuter's, General Sir Walter Kirke, G.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces, is to be retired.

Prior to taking up that appointment at the outbreak of the War, General Kirke had been Inspector-General of the Home Forces since June 1939.

Aged 62 years, he was Director-General of the Territorial Army 1936-39. He had also been Deputy Director of Military Operations at the War Office, Deputy Chief of the General Staff in India, and General Officer Commanding the Western Command.

INGENIOUS FRAUD REVEALED

ALLEGED FORGED PAWN TICKETS

An ingenious method to defraud the public was revealed at the Central Magistracy yesterday when Chan Fong, unemployed, appeared before Mr. T. J. Houston on three counts alleging possession of 15 forged pawn tickets of the Kwan On Pawnshop, possession of 22 forged pawn tickets, and possession of seven forged dies. His wife, Pun Wai-lan, was charged on the second and third counts.

Det. Sgt. J. Allen, prosecuting, said that on May 5, a man, Cheung King, went to the Kwan On Pawnshop, Hollywood Road, to redeem an opium pipe. The assistant accountant, suspecting the ticket to be a forgery, consulted the manager and the police were called.

BOUGHT FOR \$1.50

Cheung then accompanied the detective to a house in West Point district where Cheung said he had obtained the ticket from his uncle, Cheung Choi. The latter in turn said that he bought the ticket from one Lo Wai-chu for \$1.50. Lo was located and took the police to the defendant on whom was found 15 forged tickets.

On a warrant, the police seized a suitcase the key of which was found on the person of the accused's wife. In the suitcase was found another 22 blank pawn tickets and six chops and a block to print the pawn tickets.

Following expert evidence by Leung Chi-kit, manager of the Kwan On Pawnshop, Chan Fong was committed for trial. Pun Wai-lan was discharged as there was no case against her.

NAZIS EJECTED FROM CINEMA

SANTIAGO (Chile), May 9 (By Air Mail).—There were wild scenes in the Cervantes Theatre here where the film "The Lion Has Wings" was shown last night and the night before. Last night the police removed seven Germans carrying stink bombs, and the film had to be stopped.

The orchestra played the national anthem, but some demonstrators refused to stand. The audience threw them out, and the police took them into custody. The newspaper *La Nacion* says: "It is intolerable that foreign colonists should attempt to interfere with the film."

SIR GEOFFREY NORTHCOTE CABLES THANKS

Sir Geoffrey Northcote, who has departed for Ceylon to recuperate after his recent illness, has telegraphed His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, expressing his gratitude at the messages of sympathy received prior to his departure.

Sir Geoffrey cables:—"I am sincerely grateful for messages of sympathy and good wishes of two Councils, Naval Commander-in-Chief, Justice and Police Judge which I value very highly."

"I look forward to returning to Hongkong in a few months time."

The Chinese Women's General Association has given \$100,000 in cash to be distributed among the Chinese fighting forces in the Honan-Hupeh areas as reward for their recent smashing victories in that area.

Suspected of participation in three smash and run robberies in Kowloon in recent months, the last of these being the robbery at the Windsor Brothers' Jewellery shop recently, a Chinese was arrested yesterday in Kowloon by a European detective and will probably appear on remand before the Kowloon Magistrate today.

Many mourners were in attendance on May 22 at the Hunglao Road Cemetery, Shanghai, when the remains of the late Mr. Martin Wilhelm Aanes were laid to rest. Chaplain R. R. Marken, of the Fourth United States Marine Corps conducted the last rites. The deceased, a Norwegian subject and resident in Shanghai for the past fifteen years, was the Chief Officer of the s.s. *Hannah*, Moller.

NEWSETTES

H. E. Makoto Yano, former Japanese Minister to Spain, was a passenger through Hongkong to Japan yesterday.

Mr. C. S. Franklin has been elected chairman and Mr. Kay C. Chun has been elected vice-chairman of the Automobile Club of China for the current year.

Mrs. V. G. Bowden, wife of the Australian Government Trade Commissioner in China, returned to Shanghai on May 23 after a short visit to Australia.

Mr. R. V. Thomas, of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., Shanghai, who was on a visit to the Colony with Mrs. Thomas, left for the North yesterday.

Mr. T. Yamashita, Chancellor of the Japanese Foreign office, passed through the Colony yesterday on his way back to Japan from Europe.

Mrs. G. Clibborn, wife of Mr. E. N. Clibborn, of the Imperial Chemical Industries, Tientsin, accompanied by her two daughters, Misses A. and J. Clibborn, arrived in Hongkong yesterday en route to the North.

Mrs. W. Slade Bungey, wife of Mr. W. S. Bungey of the Yee Tsong Tobacco Distributors, Shanghai, who passed through the Colony recently, reached England on May 22.

Mme. D. E. Bolsevalin, wife of Mr. G. W. Bolsevalin, Consul-General for the Netherlands in Shanghai, passed through Hongkong yesterday, accompanied by her daughter on her way north.

In the presence of a number of friends, funeral services were held on May 22 at the Hunglao Road Cemetery, Shanghai, for the late Mr. William Stirling Skinner, Rev. C. W. Allan, of the Union Church, officiating.

Dr. Y. Y. Tsu, newly consecrated Assistant Bishop to the Rt. Rev. R.O. Hall of Hongkong, who arrived here from Shanghai on May 19, left yesterday for Haiphong en route to Yunnan to take charge of the Yunnan-Kweichow Diocese. He was seen off at the wharf by a group of friends and local religious leaders.

Mr. W. H. Bredin, well-known in Shanghai banking circles, passed through Hongkong yesterday on his way to the north.

Friends of Mr. J. A. Laing Peach, previously branch manager of the Cornhill Insurance Co., Ltd., Shanghai, will be glad to learn of his appointment as manager for New South Wales at Sydney, of the same company.

H. E. Alberto Castro Girona, President of the Spanish Mission to Japan, accompanied by Mme. Girona, passed through Hongkong yesterday on his way to Yokohama. He was also accompanied by eighteen other members of the mission.

In the presence of many friends, funeral services for the late Mr. Lars Vaste Sjostedt were conducted recently in Shanghai by Dean A. C. S. Trivett at the Bubbling Well Chapel. A prelude and postlude were rendered by Mr. Ragnar Eriksen at the organ.

An exhibition of art relics was opened in Chungking on Sunday under the sponsorship of the History Society of the National Central University. The exhibits, which dated as far back as the Han and Tang Dynasties, included bronze and stone ware, and a large collection of calligraphic specimens.

Today's meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club will be Ladies' Day. Mr. Owen F. Johnson will give an address, illustrated by coloured films, on "Overnight to Hawaii: Treasure Isles of the Pacific." Mr. Owen Johnson will also address the meeting of the Club on June 4, when he will use coloured films again to illustrate a talk on "The Philippines by Air: Across China Seas."

The Hongkong University Christian Association will hold its annual service for the presentation of bibles to graduates of the University on Sunday, June 2, 1940 at 9.30 a.m. in St. John's Hall Chapel, Bonham Road, opposite the University. Rev. Frank Short will give away the bibles. The Rt. Rev. R.O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong, will be the preacher. All friends of the graduates are cordially invited to attend the service.

"HAVE DONE WITH ILLUSIONS"

UNITED STATES IS SHOCKED BY INCREDIBLE SAVAGERY

Deliberately Planned Propaganda "To Divide And Weaken Us"

WASHINGTON, May 27 (Reuter)—The United States is "shocked by the almost incredible stories of what is happening at this moment to the civilian populations of Norway, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France," said President Roosevelt in his broadcast last night.

The President strongly appealed for contributions to the Red Cross, and turning to defence stressed "the futility and impossibility" of the idea of isolationism in the Americas.

Obviously, he said, a defence policy based thereon was merely to invite future attack.

The past few weeks had shattered many of the isolationist illusions. They had lost the illusion that the United States was remote and isolated and therefore secure against dangers from which no other land was free.

In some quarters, with this rude awakening had come fear bordering on panic. It was said we were defenceless. It was said by some that only by abandoning our freedom, our ideals and our way of life can we build our defences adequately and match the strength of the aggressors.

"I Do Not Share These Fears"

"I do not share these illusions. I do not share these fears. We are now more realistic but let us not be clammy howlers and discount our strength."

"Let us have done with both fears and illusions." Referring to recent stories about the United States' lack of preparedness, President Roosevelt declared that the U.S. Army and Navy were today "the largest, best-equipped and best training military establishment in United States history."

TEAM WORK

The world situation might so change that it would be necessary to re-appraise their programme at any time. In such a case, he was confident that Congress and the Chief Executive would work in harmony as a team, as they are doing today.

He would not hesitate at any moment to ask for additional funds when required. The United States was calling on the resources of American manufacturers for all kinds of war materials.

He promised that the Government was ready to advance money to provide for the enlargement of factories and the establishment of new factories and the employment of thousands of more workers, because it would be unfair to expect manufacturers to do this when there was "a chance that the change in international affairs may stop future orders."

THE FIFTH COLUMN

Referring to the Fifth Column, President Roosevelt said that spies, saboteurs and traitors must be dealt with vigorously.

"New forces are being unleashed, deliberately planned propaganda to divide and weaken us in the face of anger as other nations have been weakened before. These dividing forces are undiluted poison. They must not be allowed to spread in the New World as they have in the Old."

President Roosevelt concluded that at this time, when the world—including the American hemisphere—was threatened by the forces of destruction, Americans were resolved to build up their armed defences. They would build them to whatever heights the future might require and build them swiftly.

HIGH DUTY

"We defend—we build a way of

PREPARING AMERICA?

NEW YORK, May 27 (Reuter)—It is generally believed that President Roosevelt had more than one purpose in mind in making the broadcast.

In the first place, he used the occasion to rebuke the isolationists.

His insistence on the strength of the United States' armed forces is probably designed to calm the public, which had become worried and even panicky over the press and radio suggestions that America was in no position to defend herself and South America if attacked.

The emphasis he laid on the fact that America is an integral part of the world and his reference to the "shattering of many illusions" in the last two weeks are regarded by some observers as the initial steps of the "Psychological Preparation" for the American people.

Life not for America alone but for all mankind. Ours is a high duty and noble task. Day and night, I pray for the restoration of peace to this mad world of ours. I know you are praying with me.

"In common affection for all mankind, your prayers join with mine that God will heal the wounds and hearts of humanity."

President Roosevelt said that, between 1933 and 1940 the United States Government would have spent \$1,487,000,000 more on the Navy than it had spent in seven years prior to 1933.

NAVY STRENGTH

The fighting personnel of the Navy had risen from 79,000 to 145,000. In 1933 the United States had 1,127 useful planes working with the Navy while today 2,892 planes were on hand or had been ordered.

The Navy is by far stronger than at any peace time period in the whole of the long history of the nation.

In hitting power and efficiency

I would even make the assertion that it was stronger today than during the World War."

The Army in 1933 comprised 112,000 enlisted men while now that number has practically doubled. Between 1933 and 1940 the Government would have spent \$1,292,000,000 more on the Army than it had done in the previous seven years.

By the end of 1940 every existing unit of the present regular army will be equipped with its complete requirements of modern weapons.

A.A. BATTERIES

Compared with 355 anti-aircraft guns in 1933, the United States now has over 1,700 modern anti-aircraft guns of all types on hand or ordered, and compared with only 24 modern infantry mortars for the entire Army in 1933 there are now over 1,600 on hand or 48 modern tanks in 1933 there are ordered, while compared with only now 1,700 on hand or ordered.

In 1933, the Army had 1,263 pilots. Today, the Army alone has over 3,200 of the best fighters in the world, not including hundreds of splendid pilots in the National Guard and organized reserves.

PRODUCTION INCREASED

Within the past year, the productive capacity of the aviation industry to produce war planes has tremendously increased. This capacity is still inadequate, but the Government, working with industry, was determined to increase this capacity to meet their needs.

"We intend to harness the efficient machinery of these manufacturers to the Government programme of being able to get 50,000 planes a year."

President Roosevelt said that many patriotic Americans "of proven merit and unquestioned ability in their special fields are coming to Washington to help the Government with their training, experience and capability."

"It is our purpose not only to speed up production but to increase the total facilities of the nation so that they can be further enlarged to meet future emergencies."

CASUALTY LISTS

The latest lists of R.A.F. and Royal Naval casualties have arrived in this office and are open to inspection by those interested.

GIGANTIC EFFORT

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The spokesman added that infantry in field grey were making ceaseless attacks on very wide fronts with the support of masses of tanks and extremely violent artillery fire. At the same time German aircraft were machine-gunning and dive-bombing.

British, French and Belgian aircraft were countering these aerial attacks and a terrific battle is proceeding simultaneously in the air and on land. On both sides aircraft were again busy attacking and bombing back areas.

The Allies were concentrating on roads and columns, marching up to the lines, and bridges in Flanders. The Germans were replying and were fiercely bombing ports.

The roar of planes engines, the bursting of bombs, the clashing of tanks and the thunder of guns were combining to make the battlefield a deafening inferno.

It was the first time that there had been any night fighting on a big scale in this war.

The battle of Flanders is becoming more and more a big defensive of extreme stubbornness.

On the Channel coast, the Boulogne citadel fell late on Sunday afternoon.

On the Somme the French are still continuing their mopping up operations.

In the Argonne the French recaptured the small piece of ground lost on Saturday. The Germans, it was found, had suffered extraordinarily heavy losses in this sector, although it was only a secondary one.

FAMILIAR POSITIONS

The Allied positions in the Lys are familiar to those who served in the Great War. They are suitable for defence against tank attacks and motorised units because of the flatness of the country.

One of the difficulties until the present was the concealment offered to those enemy units in the Scheldt. The dykes and canals in Flanders offer splendid natural obstacles.

Further south the bottle-neck between Amiens and Bapaume has been narrowed by a gallant French counter-attack in the Peronne sector. This accounts for the enemy's various attacks on the Courtrai and Lys positions.

The success of the French forces in closing this bottle-neck would put a very different complexion on the whole operation.

EXTREMELY VIOLENT

A communique issued in Paris yesterday stated that in the north the enemy continues his attacks, notably in the region of Menin. French and Allied troops are holding his advance. The combats are extremely violent.

On the Somme and Aisne fronts and in the east there is nothing important to report.

WOUNDED BACK IN ENGLAND

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter)—Three hospital ships arrived at a south coast port yesterday with several hundred wounded from France.

Fourteen died on the way across.

A seaman on one of the ships said the Germans severely bombed the harbour from which they sailed on Saturday, and bombs dropped less than 300 feet away as the wounded were being taken aboard.

Fires were raging in the town and they could see flames and smoke when many miles out at sea.

RUMBLE OF GUNS IN COASTAL TOWNS

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter)—The rumble of guns heard in coastal towns reminds us, if a reminder is necessary, that the war is at our doors, but it finds us more prepared than ever.

The parents of children in the chief towns along the coast are registering them for evacuation.



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SOVIET DRIFTING FROM POSITION OF FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS GERMANY

SPECIAL TO HONGKONG DAILY PRESS

TOKYO, May 27 (Havas)—The Soviets are uneasy over the reinforcement by Germany, says the Stockholm correspondent of the newspaper, Asahi, who quotes authoritative Soviet quarters that the Kremlin believes the Allied chances in ultimate victory and, consequently, conducts negotiations with London while maintaining friendly relations with the Reich "in an effort not to be caught off guard."

Although, adds the Asahi, this does not mean that Moscow is becoming pro-British or pro-French, "the Soviet Union is drifting away slowly from its manifested position of friendship towards Germany especially since the success of the German drives into the Low Countries and France."

WARY ATTITUDE

As symptoms of the Soviet's wary attitude towards Germany, the Asahi notably sees:

Firstly, the Soviet statement that all military activities in the Balkans will be regarded as unfavourable by the Kremlin.

Secondly, the feverish reinforcement of the Soviet Air Force, and Thirdly, the forcible transfer to the inland of populations living within 30 miles of the new Soviet-German border, in former Poland, indicating that vast scale fortifications are to be undertaken in the frontier area.

ARMY OFFICERS EMERGENCY RESERVE

REOPENING ON AGE BASIS

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter)—

The War Office announces that Army Officers Emergency Reserve, which was closed in November to enable the overwhelming numbers of applications for enrolment to receive attention, is now to be reopened on a limited basis as to age.

Until further notice the upper limit is 50 except for qualified engineers where the age limit is 55.

The lower age limit has been raised from 31 to 37, but applications may still be entertained from those between 31 and 36 who are ex-officers or in reserved occupation, for whose services, in their technical or professional capacities, the Army has need.

FOREIGN PLANES OVER SWEDISH TERRITORY

Special to H.K. Daily Press

STOCKHOLM, May 27 (Havas)—On Saturday and Sunday foreign planes flew over Swedish territory.

Anti-aircraft guns went into action everywhere and the planes withdrew towards the Norwegian frontier.



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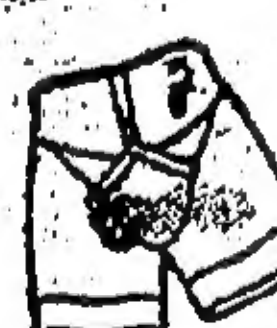
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APPEAL TO AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, May 27 (Reuter)—Broadcasting to the nation an appeal on behalf of the Red Cross War Relief Fund, Mrs. Roosevelt said, "If we turn away from the needs of others, we align ourselves with those forces which are bringing about this suffering, and which we must eventually try to defeat."

She appealed to Americans to "give as never before" adding that "one great commandment that religion has given us 'love thy neighbour as thyself' has been forgotten."

FALL OF BOULOGNE

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter)—The last quarter of Boulogne to hold was a twelfth century citadel whose ramparts drop sheer in the true Norman style. Four gates, flanked by mediaeval bastions, lead into an old town built within the small compass of ramparts. It was in this astonishing setting for a modern battle that the French defenders held out until last night.

ALLIED RECOVERY MORE AND MORE EVIDENT

Articles In German Press Less Triumphant

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter)—ALTHOUGH 'SECRECY IS STILL MAINTAINED REGARDING ALLIED OPERATIONS IN FLANDERS,' all newspapers this morning express the view that an Allied recovery seems more and more evident.

Gen. Duval, for instance, writing in Le Journal, says it seems that the first impetus of the German advance is about to end; and adds that the French, British and Belgian armies are resisting obstinately and in perfect order.

FAR FROM WON

Le Journal's Zurich correspondent declares that the German propaganda machine is emphasising that the battle is far from being won by the Nazi troops.

The correspondent says that articles in the German press are less triumphant than hitherto and it seems that the German Command has suddenly become aware of difficulties.

CAPT. A. POWER

Special to H.K. Daily Press

LONDON, May 27 (Havas)—Captain Arthur Power has been appointed Lord High Commissioner of the Admiralty and, concurrently, Chief of Staff of the Naval Air Force.

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HIGH BIDDING AT SALE OF CROWN LAND

KOWLOON AND STANLEY LOTS

There was very high bidding at the Crown Land sale at the P.W.D. office yesterday when one lot, Inland Lot No. 10, at Stanley, was sold for \$1,650, an increase of nearly 800 per cent.

The land, which contains an area of about 993 square feet, was sold to Miss Cheung Yue, of No. 17, Seymour Road. The upset price was \$241.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2793, situated at Shamshuipo, was purchased by Mr. Kiyat Chan, of the United Works, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, for a sum of \$28,700.

The lot has an area of about 23,100 square feet and the upset price was \$23,100.

HEALTH RETURNS

Thirty-three cases of tuberculosis, four of measles, seven of diphtheria, three of small-pox, two each of diphtheria and enteric fever and one each of chicken-pox and puerperal fever were reported to the Health Authorities for the 48 hours ended at midnight on May 26.

GRASS CUTTER ACQUITTED ON MURDER CHARGE

Alleged Attack On Youth With Chopper

A grass cutter, CHAN TIM-SHING, who was arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on a charge of the murder of a 15-year-old boy NG WAN, was found Not Guilty.

The deceased, it was alleged, was attacked with a chopper and succumbed to his injuries shortly after the assault.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, was for the prosecution while Mr. H. W. Lee, instructed by Mr. Woo Pak-chuen, appeared for the defence.

The jury comprised Messrs S. F. Chubb (Foreman), R. F. Lederhoffer, N. Spence, F. Ng, D. G. G. Allen, C. T. Abdulhusain and G. V. Remedios.

The deceased, Ng Wan, was living with his mother and sister in an unnumbered hut in Sam Wat, Lantau. Shortly after midnight on December 1 last year, the mother of the deceased, who was sleeping with her children, felt a tug in her blanket. She thought that it had been caused by one of her children.

Later that night, she had occasion to get up and as she put her foot on the ground someone caught her by the leg and forced her to the ground. During the struggle she was struck on the head. She managed to free herself, but one of the two robbers followed her and hit her with a chopper. The two men, one of whom was alleged to be the accused, seized her and robbed her of \$20.

"SAVE LIFE"

While struggling, she called out to her son, the deceased, to go for help. Ng Wan rushed out of the hut, followed by his sister, calling out "save life."

It was alleged that the robbers followed the children out and attacked them. The mother was said to have seen the accused delivering the blow with the chopper which caused Ng Wan's death.

In the midst of the commotion, the two men got away from the scene and shortly afterwards Ng Wan died of the chopper wound. Both the mother and his sister were taken to hospital for treatment.

Following investigation, the accused was arrested by the police.

Wanted Easy Money

BUT STORY WAS DISBELIEVED

Charged with giving false information to the police, with intent to defeat or delay the ends of justice, a Chinese name Chan Hung, 26, was fined \$50, in default a month with hard labour, by Mr. Q. A. A. Macdougall at Kowloon Court yesterday.

It was alleged that defendant, with another man named Wong Pui, 30, who was also charged, had come to the Hung Hom Police Station on Saturday with the story that four men armed with revolvers and daggers, were plotting to commit a robbery at a house in Hung Hom district.

The house in question was occupied by a man named Man Fu, a building contractor. The robbery, the defendants stated, would be carried out on Saturday or Sunday night. The would be robbers, they further stated, could be found at a certain hut in Shek Kip Mei village.

STORY NOT BELIEVED

Defendants were sent from Hung Hom to Det. Insp. A. E. Carey's office at Yau-mat Police Station, where Insp. Carey disbelieved the story, and told the defendants they would have to accompany the police to the hut they mentioned.

Defendants were permitted to leave, and they returned some time later, admitting that their whole story was a fabrication. At Kowloon Court yesterday, first defendant pleaded guilty to a charge of giving false information, but second defendant pleaded he was ignorant of first defendant's intentions, and had been led to believe by him that the robbers did exist in reality.

Second defendant's plea was accepted and he was discharged. It was stated in Court that first defendant's intentions with regard to lodging false information were to receive payment from the police, and he had been paid \$1 by a Chinese detective.

SENTENCE ON WOMAN REDUCED

ABORTION CASE RECALLED

Kwong So-ching, one of two women convicted at the Criminal Sessions last week on a charge of illegally procuring a miscarriage for a married woman at Shanghai Street, appeared before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, yesterday when her sentence of 21 months' hard labour was reduced to 18 months.

The reason for the reduction is that, according to prison regulations, prisoners who serve a long term, get a reduction of three months for each year for good conduct. Kwong wou, therefore, serve 18 months, whereas the first accused, who was sentenced to two years, would serve only 18 months.

Kwong So-ching is, therefore, now liable to serve a total of 15 months.

DAILY REPORTS RECEIVED BY POLICE

MONEY DEMAND AND ASSAULT

On two counts of demanding money with menaces and assault, Leung Tai-ngai, 32, unemployed, was sentenced to 15 months' hard labour when he appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

The complainant, Lai Kam, 21, spinster, alleged that some days ago Leung, whom she had never seen before, assaulted her while she was walking along Lockhart Road and demanded \$20 from her, being entrance fee to a certain society. On May 24 she was again approached and handed defendant \$4.

Some hours later defendant returned and accused her of failing to give him the commission due for introducing a European to her. He then assaulted her. A report was made to the police and Leung was arrested the following morning.

Following evidence by Chan Pik-wan, Det.-Sgt. J. R. Bentley, who prosecuted, stated that the police daily received reports of similar cases of assault.

MAINTENANCE CASE

Hearing was resumed at the Central Magistracy yesterday of the case in which S. E. Bux was summoned by his wife, S. Gilmah Bux, being persistently cruel and neglecting to provide reasonable maintenance for her and her children.

Further evidence was heard and Mr. T. J. Houston adjourned the case sine die when the parties agreed to non-judicial separation. Mr. Bux to receive \$75 a month and custody of the three younger children.

Mr. Tan Kah-kee, Chinese industrial magnate, of Singapore, arrived in Shan from Lanchow by motor on Sunday. He was greeted in the suburbs by more than 1,000 people, who later held a welcome meeting in his honour. Members of the first group of the Chinese Comfort Mission from the South Seas, who arrived here last week, were also present in the meeting. After about a week's stay here, Mr. Tan will proceed to the front to visit the soldiers.

tion were to receive payment from the police, and he had been paid \$1 by a Chinese detective.



A Belgian woman giving flowers to a British soldier.

MR. GANDHI FOREGOES INDEPENDENCE

INDIA'S NATIVE LEADERS PRESENT A SPECTACLE NOT UNLIKE A STEEPLECHASE. They are all headed for the same finish line—Independence from Great Britain. At the risk of breaking their necks at the various hurdles, fences, hedges and ditches, interposed along the course by Britain, they compete for the No. 1 position.

Sometimes this competition is so bitter that they lose sight of the finish and run off the course. Most remarkable single fact about this strange race: when the running gets hottest, the leading courser is almost invariably mounted by a tiny, leathery, ascetic man in a white cotton loin-cloth. Last week the leaders were hunched at an important hurdle, and once again the first over was Mohandas K. Gandhi.

CONGRESS SESSION

Most recent barrier was the 53rd session of the All-India Nationalist Congress. The meeting was the most important and potentially the most dangerous to date along the long grind to independence. With Britain busy at war, many leaders were set to demand immediate, violent, decisive action.

Mohandas Gandhi has always been convinced that India would eventually get more from Britain by moderation, discussion, compromise, delay.

He argues that dominion status after Europe's war would be better than the repression which would surely follow an immediate violent Indian revolt.

The Congress was split wide open; the followers of Mahatma Gandhi on the one hand, the advocates of acylism—ranging all the way from Communists through middle-of-the-road Moslems to extreme Conservatives—on the other. The situations was tense because the latter were led by Subhas Chandra Bose, the only Indian, who has come anywhere near successfully opposing Gandhi.

RAMGARH VILLAGE

In a specially constructed city of bamboo huts, roofed with water-proofed hubia nettings, equipped with waterworks and baths, deep in the malarious, tiger-infested Hazaribagh jungle of Bihar, over 100,000 Congress members had gathered. The site, Ramgarh village, had been chosen because 20 years' meteorological records showed it to be among Indian towns least subject to the "torrential rains of March."

The weather was clear and the Congress track was fast on the afternoon when Gandhi's first spring put him out in front. He urged the Congress guiding committee to approve a resolution in favour of delaying civil disobedience, while pressing for independence by negotiation. The committee obeyed.

Saint Gandhi thanked them in a speech bristling with humility: "I am called Mahatma, but I am an ordinary man. I have blundered and committed mistakes. I am perhaps the poorest general

any army ever had. My only wealth is your love. If you don't like me, remove me, but while I am your leader you must obey me."

AN ATTACK

Punjab Leader Gopal Singh Himh tried to ride the Mahatma off by an attack on his behind the—scenes tactics. "Everyone," he charged, "is ready for action except Gandhi. I demand that Gandhi become at least a four-annas member of Congress (cheapest price of membership). If he wishes to lead Congress he should at least be a member."

The Punjab challenge was quickly checked when another Punjab member, Sardar Kar Singh, answered. "Gandhi may not be a four-annas member, but Gandhi and Congress are identical."

The sun still shone violently next day when Activist Bose staged his big challenge. In a field across the Damodar River, within shouting distance of the Gandhi camp, Subhas Bose harangued 5,000 of his followers. He damned Gandhi's dilatory tactics, pointed out how Mussolini sprang into action in 1922, demanded "sudden" decisions in the India of 1940. Then he mounted a farmer's cart drawn by two white bullocks, and as his followers carried banners (including the hammer-and-sickle), he rode in loud triumph right through the Gandhi camp. For the moment, the race was to Bose by a nose.

Gandhi's next manoeuvre disposed of both Bose and the opposition Moslems. Up rose Congress President, Abil Kalam Azad. He told the delegates that Gandhi wanted independence as much as Bose and would get it by shrewder means. Himself a Moslem, he was a flesh and blood answer to the Moslem League charge that the Congress leaves Moslems out of its councils.

ANTI-CLIMAX

While Azad spoke, the sky grew dark, and it began to drizzle, then to rain, then to pour. Delegates retired to their flimsy huts. As the night wore on roofs caved in or were blown off, bedding became soaked, the water system bogged down, the main avenue flooded.

Next morning the bedraggled members stood in water half way up their shins, hastily and overwhelmingly voted confidence in Mohandas Gandhi, and hurried home. Once again, Mahatma Gandhi had proved that, wet going or dry, he is the best political jockey of all.

MALTA, May 27 (Reuter)—The American Consul yesterday advised all Americans to leave Malta for the United States at the earliest possible moment.

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H.K. POLICE RESERVE

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CHINESE COMPANY

Strength. Constable R78 To Wing-hang has been struck off the strength of the Chinese Company, as from May 22, 1940.

Drill. Members of No. 3 Platoon will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, May 30 at 17.30 hours sharp under sub-inspector (MR) Chan Chung-tung. Dress—Khaki Uniform, Cap with Khaki Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle and Chain and Truncheon.

Training Course—Part II. The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, May 28 at 17.30 hours sharp:—

Constables R12 Lai Chak-po, R15 Tsui Kwok-ching, R31 Kwok Wai-lam, R39 Ip Shiu-ming, R95 Ip Wing-nin, R101 Lai Li-ying, R184 Ma Wai-fong, R185 Lik George Poon, R186 Chan Chiu-sun, R189 Lau Yun-ning, and R171 Ip Wa-kwai.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

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FLYING SQUAD

Instructional Patrol. The next instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Wednesday, May 29, 1940 at Central Police Station at 17.15 hours sharp. All members will attend. Dress—Khaki Uniform, Cap with Khaki Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle and Chain, and Truncheon to be carried.

Training Course—Part II. There will be no Part II of Training Course on Wednesday, May 29 for the Hongkong Section.

The following members of the Flying Squad will attend Police Training School, Kowloon on Friday, May 31 at 17.30 hours for Part II of Training Course:—

Constables R368 Chan Wah-kuen, R369 Yau Chi Ching, R370 Chan Chun, R372 Chin Kwok-wah, R374 Tai Wing-tak, R375 Shum Koon Ying, R376 Lam Wye-kee, R381 Chan Hung-pui, Ng Yeu Chou, R378 Ng Chak

Tridium Of Supplication For Peace

The Tridium of Supplication for Peace, held at the Rosary Church yesterday evening, was well attended. The service began with the singing of the Rosary followed by the singing of the Litany.

The Rev. Fr. H. de Angella, who conducted the service, also preached the sermon. The service was brought to a close with a prayer for H. M. the King.

A special Mass was said yesterday morning and will be repeated today and tomorrow.

Ying, R279 Peter Yeung, R380 Chan Wing Fatt and R382 Chu Chung Leung.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Leave. Lance sergeant R414 M. A. R. Sousa has been granted one month's leave of absence as from May 26, 1940.

Training Course—Part III. The undermentioned members will parade at No. 2 Police Station on Wednesday, May 29, 1940 at 17.15 hours for revolver instructions:—

Constables R458 B. A. Young, R453 L. A. Martin, R471 J. F. de Silva, R473 S. L. de Faria, R455 J. M. D'Almada e Castro, R466 M. L. Rocha, R467 A. F. Baptista, R464 W. A. Fox, R470 F. C. Boelhof, R456 A. M. Sousa and R463 G. Lee.

Inspection Parade. The undermentioned members will parade at No. 2 Police Station on Friday, May 31, 1940 at 17.15 hours for general inspection:—

Lance Sergeant R402 M. M. Afanasieff, Constables R438 N. Stradmoor, R436 A. M. Sousa, R462 C. Fisher, R464 G. Ford, R467 A. F. Baptista, R472 L. J. Castilho, R473 C. A. R. Remedios, R488 W. A. Jorge, R482 M. A. de Carvalho, R455 J. M. D'Almada e Castro, R473 B. S. L. de Faria, R453 L. A. Martin, and R463 B. Afanasieff.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

O. EAGER,
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Hongkong, May 27, 1940.

Finance and Commerce

ITALY'S PRIME PROBLEM: NO RAW MATERIALS

A terrible lack of raw materials is Italy's prime problem in challenging either team of protagonists.

In addition to German and British coal the country must import all its rubber, tin, nickel, tungsten, mica and chromium, 99 per cent of its cotton, copper and mineral oil, 80 per cent of its wool, iron and steel to feed its industries.

Broadly speaking, Italy buys abroad 75 per cent of its war materials, of which Germany is already short.

NOT SELF-SUPPORTING

Against these requirements it can offer only fruit and olive oil in any great quantities, besides manufactured goods, and in spite of the Duce's tremendous efforts the nation is not self-supporting in grain and meat.

Italian State economy, therefore, corresponds most closely to Japan's and if Mussolini were on the throne occupied by Hirohito he would conceivably have found the same solution. But, being in Europe, within easy reach of stronger Powers, he must watch his step.

MILITARY PROBLEM

From the military advisers with whom he holds frequent parleys, the Duce has discovered what might happen if Italy went to war against the Allies. His most expert informant is probably the Chief of the General Staff—Army, Navy and Air Force—Field-Marshal Pietro Badoglio, who efficiently conquered the Abyssinians and was made 1st-Duke of Addis Ababa as his reward. Badoglio has kept free of party entanglements and has not been to Germany for years.

When the Italian army last summer rehearsed a defence of the Po Valley against a theoretical French invasion, Badoglio thought so little of the idea that he boycotted the whole thing. He spent the time playing bowls.

The passes through the Alps are like the sticks of a fan. Invading French troops would only have to keep on marching to find themselves conveniently massed on the plains of Lombardy within easy reach of Turin and Milan.

DRAWN APART

On the other hand, Italian troops using the same passes would be drawn further and further apart as they entered France and would find themselves in hilly and dangerous country where each force could be dealt with separately by the French. The idea could only be entertained if the German Army co-operated by attacking through Switzerland.

In the air Italy would find itself as much at a disadvantage against the French as against the Germans.

Only at sea would Badoglio feel he had the slightest chance, and it is Italy's marine power and position which interests the Fuehrer.

At the beginning of the war when it was uncertain whether Italy would be in or not, the British placed the Mediterranean out of bounds to their merchant vessels. Before the Allies could be free to use the Mediterranean for troop movements to the Balkans they would have to sink or immobilise Mussolini's fast, modern fleet and down his air force.

BRITISH CONTROL

But it would hardly be necessary for the Allies to fight naval battles against Italy and bombard its coasts to bring it to its knees.

For Britain controls both ends of the Duce's lake.

No Italian ship could pass Gibraltar or get through the Suez Canal, and Italy's vital overseas trade would vanish over-night. It would be forced into the Balkans for supplies, and there even Germany cannot get all the materials it needs.

General Weyand's Middle East Army, backing the Egyptian force, is a further powerful argument against Mediterranean adventures, and Turkey is on the Allies' side.

The military consequences of

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sharp experience of German notions of dividing the swag. The Duce's risks are heightened by the fact that he is not entirely master in his own house.

NO MORE WAR MATERIALS FOR JAPAN FROM U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 27 (Reuter).—The defence requirements for the United States threaten to cut off supplies of war material to Japan, including scrap metal.

Representatives have already agreed to amend the Military Defence Bill, authorising the curtailment of Military equipment, machinery, and munitions.

The passing of the amendment through Senate is regarded as practically certain.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

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Douglas 11 1/2

Steamships 11 1/2

Indo-China (Fr.) 11 1/2

Indo-China (Dut.) 11 1/2

Shells 62 1/2

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H.K. & S. Wharves 100

Provident (new) 82 1/2

H.K. Docks C.R.T.S. 82 1/2

H.K. Docks X.R.T.S. 82 1/2

do Rts. 82 1/2

Shanghai Docks 82 1/2

Mining

Kailash 18 1/2

Banks

Venezuela Gold 82 1/2

Hong Kong Mines 82 1/2

Lands, Hotels and Buildings

H.K. Hotels 82 1/2

H.K. Lands 82 1/2

Do. 4% Debts 82 1/2

Shanghai 82 1/2

H.K. Realities 82 1/2

Shanghai 82 1/2

Chinese Estates 82 1/2

Cotton Mills

Ewo (S.) 82 1/2

Shanghai (S.) 82 1/2

Loong Sing (S.) 82 1/2

Wing On Textiles (S.) 82 1/2

Public Utilities

Tramways 82 1/2

Peak Tram (old) 82 1/2

Peak Tram (new) 82 1/2

Star Ferry 82 1/2

Yatui Ferry 82 1/2

Do. (new) 82 1/2

China Lights (O) 82 1/2

China Lights (New) 82 1/2

China Lights Rts. 82 1/2

H.K. Electric 82 1/2

Macao Electric 82 1/2

Shanghai Lights 82 1/2

Telephones (old) 82 1/2

Telephones (new) 82 1/2

Traction 82 1/2

Tramways (new) 82 1/2

Tramways (old) 82 1/2

Ch. G. & S. (Ord.) 82 1/2

Ch. G. & S. (Fr.) 82 1/2

Canton Iron 82 1/2

Cement 82 1/2

Ropes 82 1/2

Miscellaneous

Dairy Farm 82 1/2

Dairy Farm 82 1/2

Ch. B. Investments 82 1/2

Constructions (old) 82 1/2

Constructions (new) 82 1/2

Loong Crater 82 1/2

Nanyang Tobacco 82 1/2

Sinco 82 1/2

Watsons 82 1/2

Ch. G. & S. 1929 82 1/2

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 82 1/2

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 82 1/2

H.K. Wing On 82 1/2

H.K. Wing On 82 1/2

Vibro Piling 82 1/2

Marmas Inv. (H.K.) 82 1/2

Wm. Fowles 82 1/2

Salas & Shanghai 82 1/2

ITALY IS WAR WEARY— BUT MYSTERIOUS

Up the valley of the Po, through Italy's richest industrial area, swept in mid-August a proud Italian Army, bent on repulsing an imaginary "Red" (French) invasion. Suddenly, mysteriously, the manoeuvre ended. As suddenly, Hitler invaded Poland, the Allies declared war.

Il Duce disappeared from public view. It was rumoured that he had had a heart attack. Whether or not he was sick, his heart was certainly sore. After 17 years of martial preparation for the second World War, he had been forced by his generals to realise that whether or not Italy wanted to fight, Italy could not fight.

Having cried for years that Italy's might rested on 8,000,000 bayonets, he suddenly was told that the country could neither feed nor clothe 1,500,000 men.

WAR WEARY

Boots were lacking, to say nothing of bayonets. The country had tankage capacity for only three months' normal consumption of oil. An the tanks were not more than two-thirds full. Weary from two wars, Italy had insufficient reserves of cotton, scrap iron, copper. Above all there was no will to war among the people.

Niccolo Machiavelli once wrote that though the French might be greater fighters, the Italians were those who understood statecraft. Far from being completely crushed (as any French Premier would have been) by his military appointment, he said, Premier Mussolini set about trying to make his military lemon into diplomatic lemonade. To his and his Florentine precursor's credit, Mussolini has done a pretty good job of it. The most important single question in Europe's war now more than ever before: What will Italy do?

MYSTIFICATION

Benito Mussolini's extraordinary talent for mystification served him well in building up this question. "The Italian people," he said recently, "have realised that the pilot must not be disturbed especially when he is engaged in stormy navigation, nor must he be asked questions about the course." Because he determined to explain nothing, everyone wanted to ask the question of the laconic pilot whose course was puzzling, zigzag—now pointing for one belligerent shore, now toward the other, back and forth.

After the Po manoeuvre's fiasco, Il Duce cleaned house. As his first step, out went his Under Secretaries for War and Air, Alberto Pariani and Giuseppe Valle, because they had concealed the true state of Italy's war machine from their Boss. Out went violently pro-German Fascist Party Secretary Achille Starace and Minister of Popular Culture (Propaganda) Oborardo Dino Alfieri. These dismissals had the effect of raising the prestige of Il

Duce's son-in-law, Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano, who loathed Ribbentrop and Hitler for treating him like a naive youngster in politics, and who won an immense popular following by backing the policy of peace.

CIANO'S POSITION

Count Ciano made his position unassailable strong when he got a rough-and-tumble pal of Ethio-plan days, much-decorated Storre Muti, appointed to Starace's job. Muti looks like a handsome U.S. gangster, and not being too quick of brain or tongue, is the subject of merciless punning (muto-dumb). Last week Signor Muti had a gold medal pinned on his chest by Il Duce for having carried out 180 admirable bombing raids during the Spanish campaign.

Next step of Il Duce in his new frame of mind was to make perfectly clear that Italy's minimum aims remain in time of war what they were in peace:

(1) DIBOUTI;

(2) representation on the board of directors of the Suez Canal Co.

(3) guarantee for the Italian minority in Tunisia. He made it equally clear that anything above minimum would be in no sense repugnant to Italy.

FUNKED THE FUSE

Thereupon Premier Mussolini and Count Ciano junked the fuse of an extraordinary chain of diplomatic firecrackers. Italian envoys popped up all over Europe. Il Duce and his son-in-law played faction-against-faction, until no nation could be sure whether he was coming or going. At first the Allies were favoured. Insulting press attacks on the Allies, particularly of Great Britain, were toned down, so was praise of the Axis. Friendly Giuseppe Bastianini was appointed Ambassador to the Court of St. James's. Trade talks with a British delegation were nurtured.

When Count Ciano took a flying trip to Berlin and was again snubbed as a meddling boy, Italy countered by turning the heat on Germany's silent partner Russia. Later Russian Ambassador designate to Rome Nikolai Gorelkin was given such a roasting press reception that he was re-

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NEW ZEALAND'S WAR EFFORT

WELLINGTON, May 27 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister, Mr. P. Fraser, has announced the immediate establishment of a War Council to take charge of New Zealand's war activities.

The Council consists of members of the Cabinet associated with the war effort, representatives of the Opposition, industrial employers, Trade Unions and farmers.

CALAIS STILL INTACT

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter).—It was confirmed in London last night that the Allies were still holding Calais. Fighting side by side with the Allied troops, the British Expeditionary Force has repulsed all enemy attacks, and is fighting magnificently.

(where she was before the Anschluss).

Foreign Minister Count Stephen Czak was received by Count Ciano in Venice and Premier Count Paul Teleschi was made to feel very happy in Rome—even though Benito Mussolini told him Hungary must not dream of getting Transylvania from Rumania until war's end. An Italian economic mission showed up in every Southeastern European country except Turkey, which sent a mission to Rome.

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H.K. Tramways 300 18.25
Sinceres 500 2.30
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FOREIGN MARKETS AND QUOTATIONS

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COMMODITY BROKERS
STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING
HONGKONGCOMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York May 25, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Previous	May 25	
	Closing	Opening	Closing
SPOT	36-1/4	36-3/8	up 1/2
JULY-SEPT.	35-3/8	35-1/2	up 1/2
OCT-DEC.	33-3/4	33-7/8	up 1/2

The market was steady but quiet.

LONDON RUBBER	Previous close	Today's close	Change
	buyers	buyers	
SPOT	11-7/16		
JUNE	11-7/16		
JULY-SEPT.	11-3/8	Market closed	
OCT-DEC.	11-1/8		
JAN-MARCH	10-15/16		

NEW YORK COTTON: The majority of the Trade believes that a higher loan basis of 9 to 9.30 cents on the new crop is probable.

NEW YORK RUBBER: The market is reflecting reports of small primary arrivals.

CHICAGO WHEAT: A leading grain expert favours selling September at present levels and buying at 78¢ or 79¢.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 113.94; Today's close, 114.75; Change, up 8¢.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, July	9.52	9.44	9.45	04 up
New York Rubber, July	19.35	18.90	18.95	45 up
Chicago Wheat, Sept.	84 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	11 up
Chicago Corn, Sept.	62 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	1 up
New York Hides, June	9.95	9.83	9.83	27 up

NEW YORK COTTON	Close	Opening	Change
July	9.45/46	9.48/48	04 up
July (New contract)	9.66 N	9.67b/70a	01 up
October	8.81/81	8.81/81	08 up
December	8.73/73	8.72/74	03 off
January	8.66 N	8.65b/88a	03 off
March	8.53 N	8.55/55	04 off
May	8.42/42	8.41/42	05 off
Spot	10.37 N	10.41 N	04 up

NEW YORK RUBBER	Close	Opening	Change
May	19.82 N	19.80/80	35 up
July	18.85/80	18.90/90	45 up
September	17.80/80	17.80/80	38 up
December	17.45/45	17.55/55	35 up
January	17.35 N	unquoted	35 up

Total sales Friday—42,300 bales.

CHICAGO WHEAT	Close	Opening	Change
July	83 1/2/83 1/2	83 1/2/83 1/2	11 up
September	83 1/2/83 1/2	83 1/2/83 1/2	14 up
December	84 1/2/84 1/2	85 1/2/85 1/2	1 up

Friday's sales—7,977,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN	Close	Opening	Change
July	62 1/2/62 1/2	62 1/2/62 1/2	2 up
September	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	1 up
December	59 1/2/59 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	1 up

WINNIPEG WHEAT

WINNIPEG WHEAT	Close	Opening	Change
May	71 1/2	71 1/2	4 up
July	71 1/2	72 1/2/72 1/2	4 up
October	74 1/2	74 1/2	4 up

NEW YORK HIDES

NEW YORK HIDES	Close	Opening	Change
June	9.65b/72a	9.70/75	27 up
September	9.88/90	9.89/98	36 up
December	10.15b/20a	10.20b/28a	33 up

New York Official 34-1/4

NY-London Cross Rate 3.18-3/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

The following quotations are at the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

	London, May 24	Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924
War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red after 1925)	98 1/2	Chartered Bank
Canton-Kloon Rly. 5%	98 1/2	H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	47	H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	45	Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45	Chosen Corporation
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	18	Pekin Syndicate
Chinese 5% (Reorg.) Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	28	S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	8	S'hai Waterworks "A"
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	60	Union Insurance
Honan Rly. 5%	12	Gula Kalumpung Rubber
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13	Allied Ironfounders
S'hai-N'K'ing Rly. 5%	11	Asso. & Elec. Industries
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	9	Austin Motors, ord.
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 3% (German Stpd.)	9	Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord.
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	9	B-A. Tob. (bearer)
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	9	Mercantile Bank
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907	3	Cammell Laird, ord.
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	44	Mexican Eagle

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 27, 1940.

On London:	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/8 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/8 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 3/4	
On Shanghai:	
On demand	340
On Singapore:	
On demand	62 3/4
On Japan:	
On demand	83
On India:	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/8 1/2	
and demand	62 1/2
On New York:	
Bank Bills, on demand 19 5/8	
Credits, 60 days' sight 40 5/8	
On Batavia:	
On demand	36 3/4
On Paris:	
Bank Bills, on demand 1080	
Credits 4 months' sight 1150	
On Saigon:	
On demand	106 3/4
On Manila:	
On demand	39 1/4
On Bangkok:	
On demand	149 1/2
On Sterling Notes:	
Bank Buying Rate	1/4
Bar Silver per oz.	31 7/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA, BROS.

Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 22 1/2 for Ready and 21 1/4 for Forward. Silver advances were not received. The New York Silver market was closed yesterday.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 40 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 32 1/2.

MARKET

Quiet

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/23 1/32 up to October, buyers at 1/3 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

A small business was done at 19.15/16 for June delivery. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 19.15/16 May and 19.7/8 June, buyers at 20 for Cash and probably 19.15/16 June.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

opened with sellers at 360 and towards 1 p.m. there were sellers at 363 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Early advice, reported sellers at 45/64 for Sterling and 5.17/32 for U.S. Dollars. Towards the close the market was reported as being a shade easier.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market closed with sellers at 1/23 1/32 up to October, buyers at 1/3 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Nothing doing. The market closed with sellers at 19.15/16 May/first week June and 19.7/8 June, buyers at 20 for Cash and 19.15/16 June.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

363.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 27 (Reuter)

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening
London	0/3-7/8
New York	5-1/8
Japan	21-7/8
India	21-1/2
Paris	234
Hongkong	25-3/4

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/4-9/64	0/4-1/8
May	0/4-9/64	0/4-1/8
June	0/3-63/64	0/3-31/32

U.S. Dollars

	Spot	May	June
Spot	\$5-17/32	\$5-17/32	\$5-17/32
May	5-17/32	5-17/32	5-17/32
June	5-9/32	5-9/32	5-9/32

Market: Quiet

Silver Daily Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.

The Equalisation rate was 18-3/4 per cent.

Woolworths	55
Anglo-Dutch	19
Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust	25 7/8
Burma Corporation	7 7/8
Commonwealth Mining	10 1/8
Marsman Investments	10 1/8
Randfontein Estates	38 1/4
Western Holdings	10
Sub-Nigel	187 1/8
Tanami Gold Mining	44 1/2
Anglo-Italian	48 1/8
Burmah	63 1/4
Shell Trans. & Trad.	62 1/8
(bearer)	
Nominal	

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

MAY 10, 1940	Last Sale	MAY 24, 1940	Last Sale
STOCKS	May 23	STOCKS	May 23
Adams Express	41 1/2	J. & Laughlin Steel, \$7 pfd.	50
Allegheny Steel Co.	18 1/2	Kennecott Copper	27 1/2
Allied Stores	41	Lakey Foundry & Mac.	28 1/2
Allis Chalmers	24	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	34
Aluminium Ltd.	52	Lockhead Aircraft	29 1/2
Amer. Can.	91	Loew's Inc.	21 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	23 1/2	Lott Incorporated	17 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	14	Mack Truck Inc.	17 1/2
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	12	Martin, Glen L.	33 1/2
American Gas & Elec.	28 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	18 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	11 1/2	Monsanto Chemical	89 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	14	Montgomery Ward	34 1/2
Amer. Radiator	5 1/2	National Aviation	10 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	10 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	34 1/2	Nat. Distillers	18
Amer. Sugar Refining	15	National Gypsum	5 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	147 1/2	National Lead	15 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	7 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	5 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	6	National Steel Corp.	49
Anacosta Copper	19 1/2	National Supply Corp.	42
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	13 1/2	New York Central	10 1/2
Auburn Motors	1	Niagara Hudson Power	34
Aviation Corp.	19 1/2	N. American Aviation	17 1/2
Bacok & Wilcox	19 1/2	North American Co.	16 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	13	Northern Pacific	5
Baltimore & Ohio	34	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	47
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	26 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	7 1/2	Pacific Lighting	22 1/2
Bell Aircraft Corp.	17 1/2	Packard Motors	12
Bendix Aviation	27 1/2	Pan-American Airways	28 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	68 1/2	Paramount Pictures	41
Bliss & Co.	14 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	16 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	18 1/2	Phelps-Dodge	26 1/2
Borg-Warner	14	Philadelphia Read, Coal	28 1/2
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	8 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	28 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	18 1/2	Pittsburg Coke & Iron	53
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	104 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	38 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan S.E.	104 1/2	Pullman Inc.	17 1/2
Budd M'facturing Corp.	31	Pure Oil	7 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	28	Radio Corp. of Am.	42
Case, J.I.	40	Reading Company, Com	16 1/2
Celanese	21 1/2	Remington Arms Co. Inc.	38 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	33	Republic Aviation Corp.	31 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	58 1/2	Republic Steel	14 1/2
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	29	Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	8 1/2
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	71	Reynold Tobacco "B"	30
Columbia Gas & Elec.	41	Richfield Oil	6 1/2
Columbia 8 1/2 "A" pf.	78 1/2	Safeway Stores	36 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	30	Schenley Distillers	8 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	13 1/2	Sears Roebuck	63
Consolidated Edison	24 1/2	Shell Union Oil	8
Consolidated Oil	8 1/2	Socoy-Vacuum Oil	8
Continental Can	34 1/2	Southern Pacific	7 1/2
Continental Oil	19	Southern Rly \$5 pfd.	14 1/2
Copperweld Steel	17 1/2	Sperry	36
Corn Products	46	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	22 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Standard Brands	5 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	22 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	11 1/2
Deere & Co.	14 1/2	Standard Oil of California	19 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	12 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	32 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	75 1/2	Stone & Webster	5 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	15 1/2	Studebaker Com.	9 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	7	Swift International	18 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	24	Technicolor	34
Elec. Autolite	28 1/2	Texas Corp.	24
Elec. Bond & Share	45 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	27 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	55 1/2	Timken-Axle	19 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pf.	55 1/2	Trans-America Co.	48
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	19 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	15 1/2
Fisk Rubber	10 1/2	20th Cent. Fox \$12 pf.	14 1/2
Flintkote	11 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	64 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	37 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	73
Gen. Electric	29	Union Pacific	41 1/2
Gen. Motors	38 1/2	United Aircraft	13 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	10 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	11 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	10 1/2	United Corp.	11 1/2
Gillette Co.	11	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	28 1/2
Goodrich (R.F.)	10 1/2	United Gas Corp.	15 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pf.	48	United Gas Improvement	10 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	12 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	15
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	12 1/2	U.S. Rubber	15 1/2
Great Northern Rly. pf.	17 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	73 1/2
Great Western Sugar	20 1/2	U.S. Steel	44
Greyhound Corp.	10 1/2	Vanadium	26 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	76 1/2	Vulcan Aircraft	8
Homestead Mining	42	Walworth Co.	3 1/2
International Harvester	38 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	24
Int. Nickel	21	Westinghouse Elec.	83 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	11 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	16 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	24	Chase National Bank	—
Johns-Manville	48	National City Bank	—

DOW JONES AVERAGE

1939/40	High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	May 23	May 24, 1940	Change
154.98	114.13	30	Industrials	114.78	114.71	04 off
35.90	32.15	30	Rails	32.21	32.25	37 up
27.70	18.34	30	Bonds	18.51	18.53	18 1/2 up
22.23	83.21	40	Commodity Index	83.28	83.10	18 off
65.87	45.69	11	Business Done	51.72	51.35	38 off

Business Done—1,640,000 shares

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Tues.	28	03:37	4.4	06:45	4.2
Wed.	29	04:35	4.6	07:59	4.2
Thurs.	30	05:29	4.8	09:11	4.1
Fri.	31	06:18	5.1	10:21	3.7
Sat.	1	07:04	5.4	11:29	3.4
Sun.	2	07:48	5.7	12:35	3.2
Mon.	3	08:31	6.1	13:39	2.9

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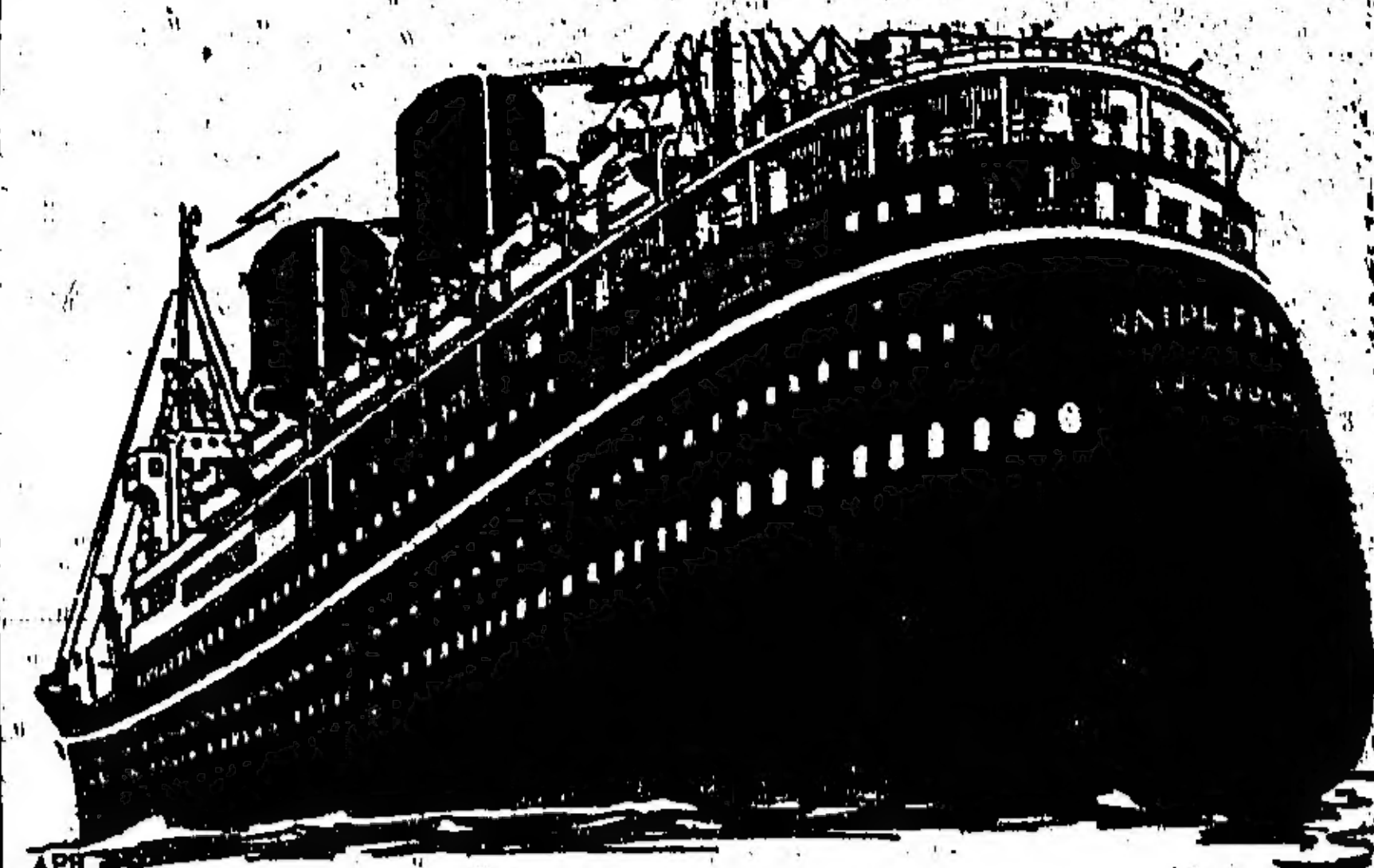
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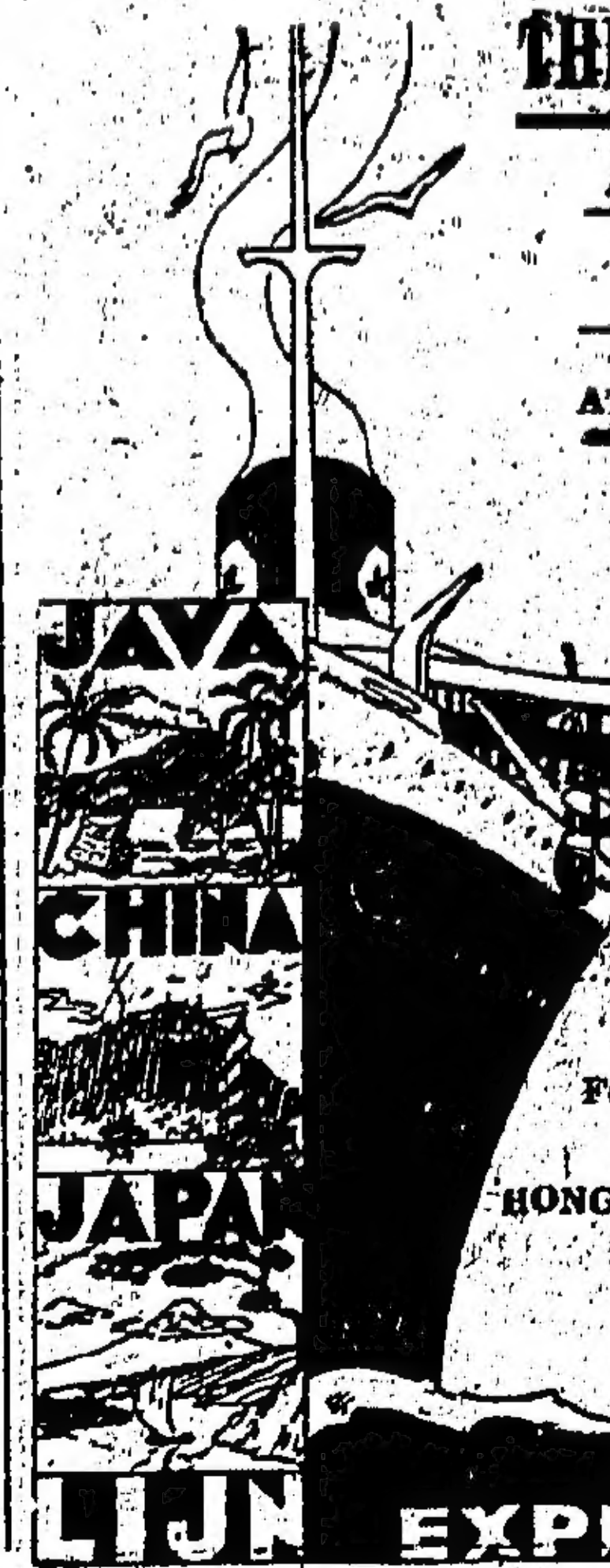
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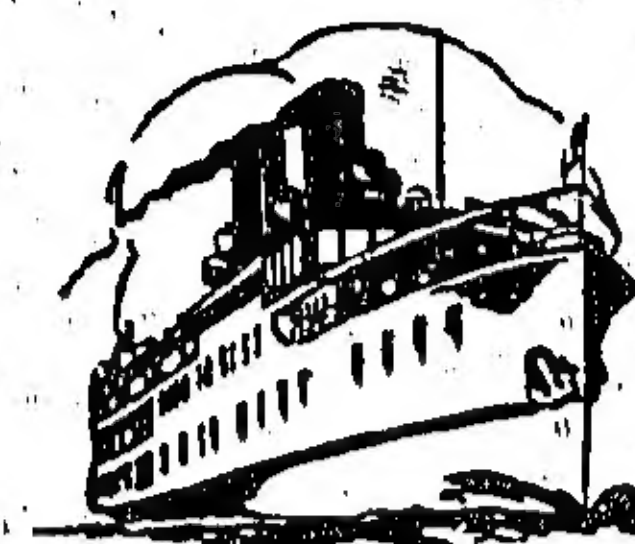
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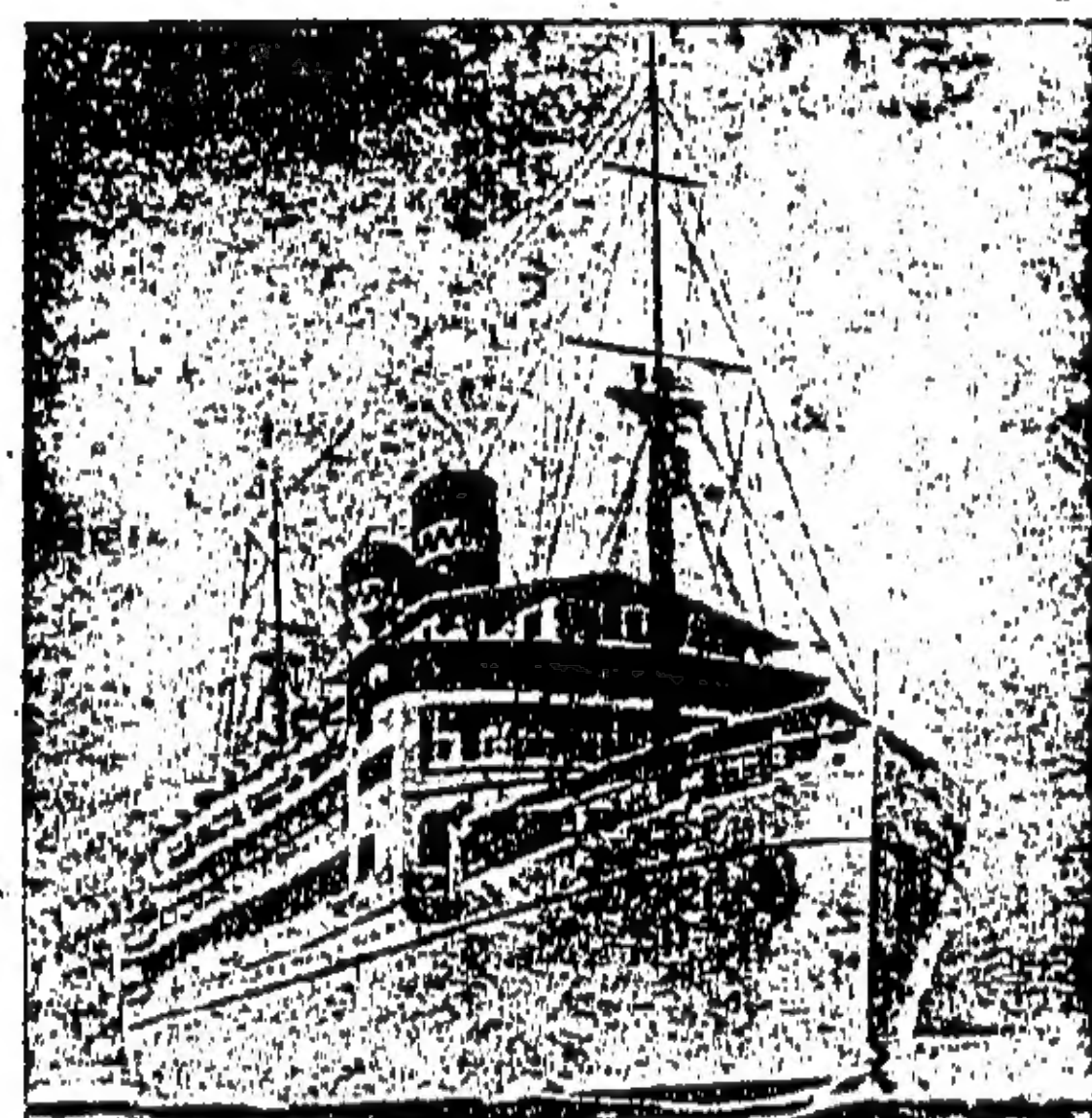


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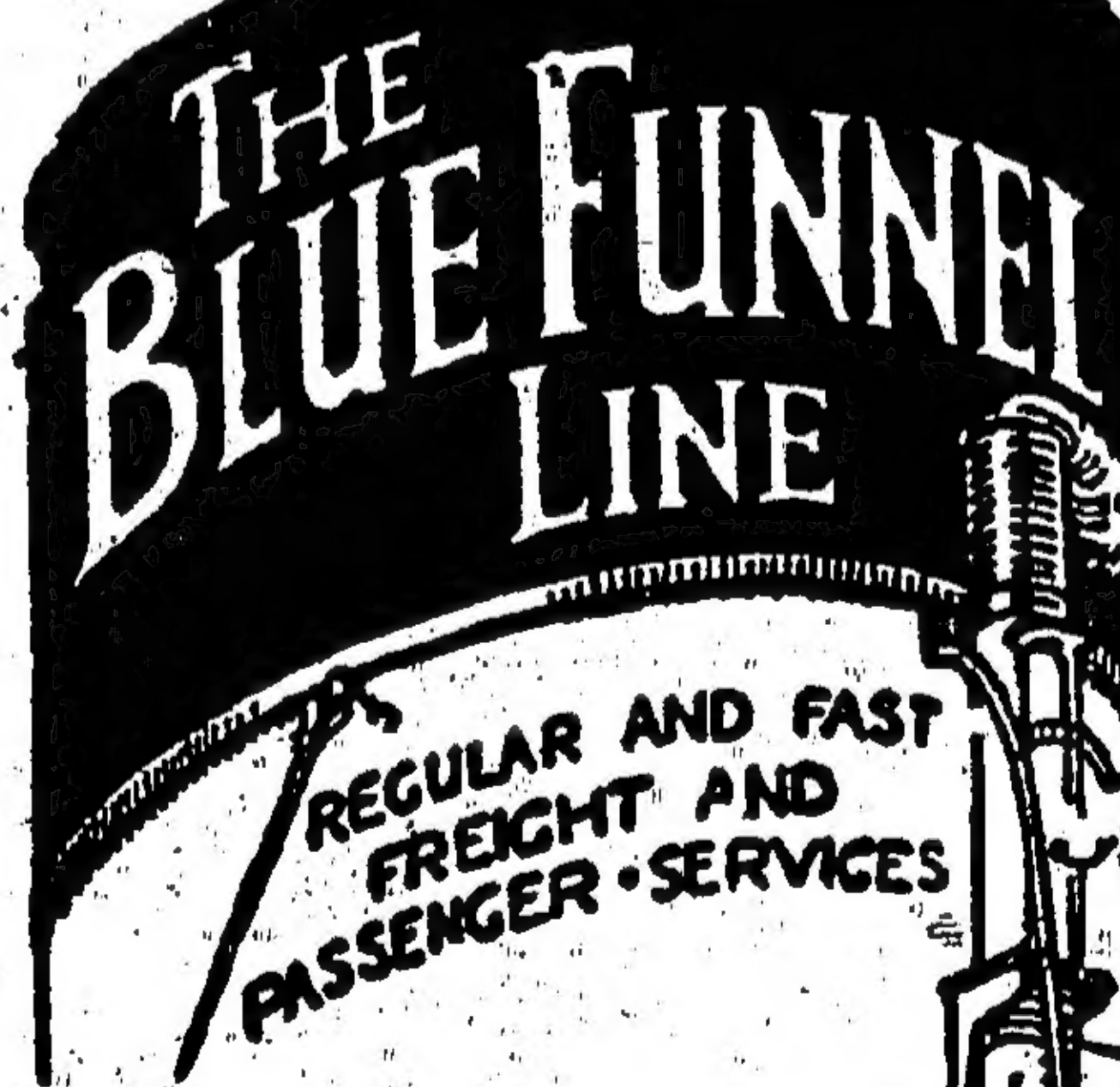
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BROAD ANALYSIS OF NAZI STRATEGY AND TACTICS

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter).—A broad analysis of German
strategy and tactics in the invasion of the Low Countries was
given yesterday by Captain Cyril Falls, the military correspondent
of "The Times."

Summarising briefly what had happened, Captain Falls said that
the French and British troops moved into Belgium when the in-
vasion began and took over the southern part of the main Bel-
gian line of defence which runs along the Meuse from the French
frontier, to Namur and then across to Antwerp.



Mr. Joseph P. Lee and his
bride, formerly Miss Margaret
Anne Ng, who were married
at St. Margaret's Church on
Saturday—(King's Studio).

The Germans launched a tre-
mendous attack on the Meuse
from Dinant southwards crushing
and isolating the French troops at
Valenciennes and laying the Bri-
tish right flank uncovered.

EXPECTED MARCH INTO BELGIUM

That gap has not yet been
closed.

Today, it extends from the
southeast of Arras to Amlens.
Through it German mechanised
troops have proceeded to the
coast.

"Now what was the broad out-
line of the German aim? How
did they set about it?"

Personally, Captain Falls con-
tinued, he thought that the
enemy expected the Allies to
march into Belgium. He did not
try to stop it. He carried out
some bombings but not enough
to interrupt the march.

The idea seemed to be to se-
parate the British and Belgian
troops and certain French units
from the main French armies,
just as the Germans had already
separated the Belgians and the
Dutch troops.

The other part of the aim was
to reach the Channel ports.

BLASTED WAY THROUGH

Captain Falls said that he was
not particularly criticising our
own strategy for our move was
inevitable if we were to be loyal
to our principles.

Strategy, although it sounds
more scientific than tactics, was
really a hand-maid of tactics.

The German plan would have
been rash to the point of craziness
if it had not also been support-
ed by the power of assisting wea-
pons and the system of co-ordinat-
ing them.

Their bomber planes, which
have done work which the heavy
artillery cannot hope to keep up,
have been used to blast a way
through which the tanks can pro-
ceed.

CAMPAIGN NOT OVER

Perhaps we should have realis-
ed this after the war in Poland.
We did realise it but we did
not realise its terrific scale.

That is the black side of the
picture. At the same time, the
troops get used to any form of
surprise attack.

Then too the great difficulty of
long-range operations keep up
the impetus.

We have had tactical defeat
and have suffered reverse but the
campaign is not over.

In fact it has just reached the
critical stage.
Our hopes still lie in the fight-
ing qualities of our land forces and
air troops and the skill and wis-
dom of General Weyland. We
shall not be conquered even if we
lose this phase of the campaign.

"FILLED WITH AIRCRAFT"

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter).—The
Air Ministry states that between
5.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. yesterday
R.A.F. squadrons shot down at
least twenty enemy bombers and
fighters, and put another twenty
out of action.

There were only five British
casualties. A continuous air battle
was fought over the French coast
between Calais and Dunkirk, and
pilots reported that the air was
filled with aircraft.

LIKE RED TO A BULL!

PARIS, May 27 (Reuter).—The
red crosses, painted on the roofs
of the American ambulances,
operating in the war zone, have
been removed. The American
Ambulance Committee stated "all
our drivers agree that these red
crosses only excite the malevolent
attention of the German flyers.
During the last ten days German
planes had been bombing and
machine-gunning our ambulances,
even when flying as low as sixty
feet when mistake is out of the
question."

There is still no news of the two
American ambulances which en-
tered Amlens on May 19, when
the town was violently bombed.

TIN QUOTA

The International Tin Committee
has fixed the quota for the third
quarter at 100 per cent, says a Reu-
ter message from London.



Sir William Seeds, K.C.M.G.,
the British Ambassador to Rus-
sia, who is still in London and
who took part in the recent
conference of British Ministers
from the Balkans.

King At Food Ministry

LONDON, May 8 (By Air Mail)

The King, wearing the uniform
of a Field-Marshal, yesterday
visited the headquarters of the
Ministry of Food in Horseferry
Road, S.W. With Lord Woolton,
Minister of Food, and Sir Henry
French, secretary of the Depart-
ment, he toured the offices for
three-quarters of an hour.

H.M.'s MESSAGE

The King spent a considerable
time inspecting charts, plans, and
maps showing the whole organi-
zation of the nation's war-time
food supplies. Later he sent the
following message to the Minis-
try:—

"It has given me great pleasure
to visit the Ministry of Food and
to learn more of its nation-wide
activities. The security of the
Home Front is as vital as that of
the Fighting Fronts and I appre-
ciate to the full the work of the
Ministry's staff both in London
and throughout the country in
safe-guarding the supply and dis-
tribution of the people's food."

CHART ROOM

In the course of his visit the
King inspected the Ministry's
"Chart Room," on the walls of
which are shown the methods
used for control, transport, educa-
tion, and emergency control of
stores. The control chart shows
how the local food offices are or-
ganized and even the time of day
at which the divisional food offices
regularly report on the local
situation. The education charts
show what foods should be eaten
for a perfect diet, and how these
ideas are being presented to the
public through schools, women's
voluntary organizations, fuel com-
panies demonstrations, and other
means of publicity.

BABY SWALLOWS SAFETY-PIN

"Baby" Woo, 17-day-old child of
Mrs. Woo, of No. 35 Ashley Road,
was taken to the Kowloon Hos-
pital yesterday. While being fed,
the child swallowed a safety-pin.

GENERAL IRONSIDE GIVEN VERY WAR RECEPTION

LONDON, May 27 (Reuter).—The London newspapers em-
phasize with satisfaction that the nomination of General Iron-
side to the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Home Defence
Indicates the considerable importance which the British Gov-
ernment attaches to home defences.

With regard to the 15 French
generals relieved of their func-
tions, certain newspapers recall
similar measures taken by Mar-
shal Joffre shortly before the
Battle of the Marne.

NEW PROBLEMS

Attention is paid in the news-
papers to the unanimity of the
British workers in responding to
the appeal by the Government for
an acceleration in the war indus-
tries.

The Daily Telegraph says:
"In appointing General Ironside
the Government has recognised
the new problems imposed on the
country by the appearance of the
war on the coast and in the
Channel."

The Daily Telegraph insists
upon the necessity of giving Gen-
eral Ironside large powers extend-
ing to the land and air forces.

AN ELEMENT OF TRUTH

The Times declares: "It is
evident that home defence is by
nature, a single problem, certainly
in what concerns the air and
land forces. The most urgent
necessity at the present is pro-

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 28th MAY, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Ser- vice"—San Francisco date, 22nd May.	28th May
Straits.	28th May
Japan and Shanghai.	28th May
Salmon.	28th May
Australia and Manila.	28th May
Java and Manila.	28th May
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 22nd May.	29th May
Shanghai.	29th May
Australia and Manila.	29th May
Shanghai.	29th May
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon.	29th May
Salmon.	29th May
Japan.	29th May
Calcutta and Straits.	29th May
Canton.	29th May
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date 22nd May.	30th May
Shanghai.	30th May
Bangkok and Tourane.	30th May
Shanghai.	30th May
Canton.	30th May
Japan.	30th May
Tientsin.	30th May
Shanghai.	31st May
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 25th May.	1st June
Manila.	2nd June
Shanghai.	2nd June
Australia and Manila.	2nd June
Calcutta and Straits.	2nd June
Haliphong and Hothow.	3rd June
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Fran- cisco date, 14th May).	3rd June
Straits and Manila.	4th June
Java and Manila.	5th June
Japan and Shanghai.	6th June
U. S. A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 11th May)	6th June
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai— (Vancouver B. C. date, 18th May).	6th June
Shanghai.	8th June
Sandakan.	9th June
Shanghai.	9th June

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Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than
the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are
advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are
closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to
close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
TUESDAY	Tue 28th
Parcels only for Tientsin.	8.00 AM
Fort Bayard.	11.00 AM
Straits.	Noon
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya.	1.00 PM
Straits and Calcutta.	2.00 PM
Japan.	2.30 PM
K.P.O.	
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
G.P.O.	
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"	Reg. 6.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
K.P.O.	
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
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Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
K.P.O.	
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
G.P.O.	
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Im- perial Airways Direct Service"	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Salmon.	7.00 PM
Shanghai.	7.00 PM
WEDNESDAY	Wed 29th
Straits and Calcutta.	Parcels 10.30 AM Letters 11.30 AM
G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
Salmon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London via Long- Sea Route.	Parcels 9.00 AM Reg. 11.15 AM Ord. Noon
Shanghai and Japan.	Noon
Fort Bayard, and Hothow.	Noon
Formosa.	6.00 PM
K.P.O.	
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
G.P.O.	
Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
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Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
G.P.O.	
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thurs- day Island.	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Amoy.	7.00 PM
THURSDAY	Thu 30th
Canton.	7.15 AM
Sandakan.	8.30 AM
Swatow and Shanghai.	1.00 PM
Haliphong.	2.00 PM
Straits.	7.00 PM
Amoy.	7.00 PM
FRIDAY	Fri 31st
Manila.	8.30 AM
Dalren.	8.30 AM
Japan.	8.30 PM
Salmon.	7.00 PM
SATURDAY	Sat 31st
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane.	Reg. 11/8 6.00 PM Ord. 11/8 8.45 AM Ord. 11/8 9.30 AM

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